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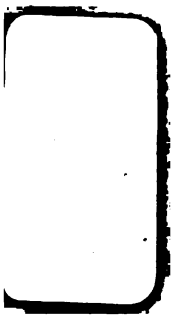

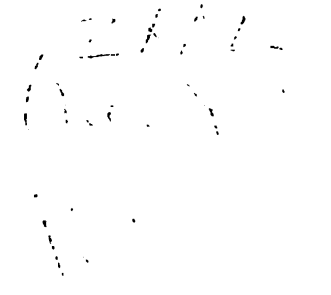

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Particular Synod of New York.

The Particular Synod met in Regular Session in the Reformed Dutch Church of Montgomery, Orange County, N. Y., on the third day of May, 1881, at 3 o'clock, P. M., and adjourned at 4.30 o'clock, P. M., of the second day of the session.

Formation of Synod.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. David Cole, who was called to the Chair in the absence of the President and Adsessor. The sermon before Synod was preached on the evening of the first day of the Session by Rev. H. C. Berg, the Adsessor of the last Synod, from Acts 2:22. Theme, "Revelation Wanders in the Light of Biblical Theology."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Classis of Arcot.

Classis of Hudson.—Revs. William Smith, A. J. Sebring.

Classis of Kingston.—Revs. William H. Vroom, William N. Todd, Calvin E. Lasher, De Witt B. Wyckoff. *Elders,*—W. O. Church, George F. Shultis, Benjamin Elmendorf.

North Classis of Long Island.—Rev. William H. De Hart. *Elders,*—Thomas S. Shepard, James C. Hendrickson, Daniel V. Weeks.

South Classis of Long Island.—Revs. Cornelius L. Wells, D.D., Anson Dubois, A. P. Stockwell, John A. Lansing, D.D. *Elders,*—Abram J. Beekman, T. M. Hageman.

Classis of New York.—Rev. William Walton Clark. *Elders,*—D. R. Hitchcock, Theophilus A. Brouwer.

Classis of Orange.—Revs. Edward W. Bentley, D.D., John T. Demarest, D.D., Richard De Witt, George D. Lydecker. *Elders,*—Uriah E. Terwilliger, D. S. De Witt.

Classis of Poughkeepsie.—Rev. Henry Ward. *Elder,*—William Seward.

Classis of Westchester.—Revs. Joseph A. Harper, David Cole, D.D., C. K. Clearwater, John Hutchings. *Elder,*—D. Hennion.

ARTICLE III.

MODERATORS.

Rev. David Cole was elected President, and Rev. John T. Demarest was elected Adsessor. Revs. William H. De Hart and Rev. C. K. Clearwater were elected temporary Clerks.

ARTICLE IV.

MINUTES AND BEQUEST.

The Minutes of the Session of May, 1880, were read. The Van Benschoten Bequest was read.

ACTS OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Rules of Order as amended at the last Session of Synod were read.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed :

ON SYNODICAL MINUTES.—*Ministers.*—Revs. Cornelius L. Wells, John A. Lansing, William Smith. *Elders,*—Daniel R. Hitchcock, William Seward, Theophilus A. Brouwer.

ON CLASSICAL MINUTES.—(*Arcot.*)— ——— ——— *Hudson*—Rev. De Witt B. Wyckoff and *Elder* David Hennion. *Kingston*—Rev. Geo. D. Lydecker and *Elder* Daniel V. Weeks. *North Long Island*—Rev. Richard De Witt and *Elder* Thomas S. Shepard. *South Long Island*—Rev. Calvin E. Lasher and *Elder* Theophilus A. Brouwer. *New York*—Rev. Joseph A. Harper and *Elder* Thomas M. Hageman. *Orange*—Rev. William Smith and *Elder* Abram J. Beekman. *Poughkeepsie*—Rev. A. P. Stockwell and *Elder* Benjamin Elmendorf. *Westchester*—Rev. William N. Todd and *Elder* Uriah E. Terwilliger.

ON CLASSICAL REPORTS.—*Ministers.*—Revs. William W. Clark, John T. Demarest, A. J. Sebring. *Elders,*—William O. Church, Daniel S. De Witt, Theophilus A. Brouwer.

ON THE QUESTORATE.—*Ministers.*—Revs. John Hutchins, William N. Todd, Calvin E. Lasher. *Elders,*—James C. Hendrickson, George F. Schultz, Abram J. Beekman.

ON OVERTURES AND JUDICIAL BUSINESS.—*Ministers.*—Revs. Edward W. Bentley, George D. Lydecker, Andrew J. Sebring. *Elders,*—Thomas S. Shepard, Daniel V. Weeks, David Hennion.

ON NOMINATIONS.—*Ministers.*—Revs. Henry Ward, A. P. Stockwell, William H. Vroom. *Elders,*—Abram J. Beekman, Benjamin Elmendorf, Thomas M. Hageman.

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The Stated Clerk reported, as required by action of Synod in 1877, that he has deposited certain manuscript copies of Minutes of this Synod and of General Synod referred to, page 7, Minutes of 1880, in the Gardner A. Sage Library, at New Brunswick. He has also deposited in the same place the First, Second and Third bound Volumes of the manuscript Minutes of this Synod, covering the whole period in which the Synod has existed to 1878, when it was ordered "that the printed Minutes of the Particular Synod be considered the official copy. . . . . Attested by the sign manual of the Stated Clerk."

A communication was received from the Classis of Michigan on the subject of Polygamy in the United States Territories. It was referred to the Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE IV.

GENERAL SYNOD.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Synodical Minutes beg leave to report that they have examined the Minutes of General Synod of 1880, and also the Minutes of the Particular Synod of Albany, New Brunswick, Chicago and New York, and find nothing that calls for attention by this Synod.

C. L. WELLS, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE V.

OTHER PARTICULAR SYNODS.

Copies of the Minutes of the Particular Synods of Albany, Chicago and New Brunswick for 1880 were laid upon the table, and were referred to the Committee on Synodical Minutes.

ARTICLE VI.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE VII.

CLASSICAL REPORTS.

The Committee on the State of Religion reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Classical Reports respectfully state that the reports of all the Classes are placed in their hands, and are generally in good order.

In Spiritual matters the general condition is not very encouraging.

While the regular ministrations of the Gospel seem to have been faithfully attended to, there have been but few revivals and but meagre numbers gathered to the membership.

In a few Churches we note a large increase, but in the majority very few additions.

In the sum total we have a slight increase over the number reported last year.

It is to be noted, however, that it is owing to the revision of church rolls that this increase is not much larger.

We note as a special subject for thanksgiving a marked interest in our German Churches and in the Missionary Classis of Arcot.

In temporal affairs we find more encouragement, as indicated in the removal of church debts and in the building and reconstruction of chapels. Also in a few instances a marked increase in the contributions for congregational purposes.

We note with pleasure the liberality shown in the Synod toward removing the debt of our Foreign Board.

Several Ministerial changes have occurred, especially in the Classis of New York.

We would also note, in the spirit of submission to the Head of the Church, the removal by death of Rev. W. T. Enyard, Rev. George Wendemuth and Rev. Julius Hones and Rev. Cornelius Blauvelt.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. WALTON CLARK, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF ARCOT.

The past year, although not marked by such large results as the two former, has been one of steady progress. Ninety-nine persons have been received into the Churches on confession of

faith, and the total of communicants has increased by thirty-six (36) over all losses, the number now standing 1,322.

It is a pleasure to record a gratifying advance in the amount of contributions to Pastors' Fund and benevolent objects, the whole sum being 1,601 rupees, an increase of nearly twenty per cent. over the preceding year. The subject of self-support was taken up at the January meeting of Classis and thoroughly discussed; and it was decided to organize a society, with branches at each station and out-station, whose object it shall be to awaken a spirit of independence in all the Churches, and to collect funds for the support of native pastors. The society already has its auxiliaries in many out-stations and gives promise of success.

One discouraging fact must not be passed unnoticed. The Church of Arcot has failed to fulfil the temporal contract with its pastor, Rev. Moses Nathaniel. The cause of this is due to the scattering of the congregation, owing to the sudden withdrawal from the Mission of Dr. H. M. Scudder, Jr., the Missionary in charge of the station, which obliged the Mission to abandon the Dispensary, transfer the Preparandi School to South Arcot and make a number of other changes, which have combined to weaken the congregation. The members who remain have striven nobly to raise the required amount, but their number is very small, and unless the Mission undertake a larger part of his support the pastoral relation may have to be dissolved.

The health of the American membership of the Classis has been unexceptionally good, and no deaths are recorded among the native pastors or elders.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. WYCKOFF, *Stated Clerk.*

TINDIVANUM, February 14, 1881.

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.

Your Committee on the State of Religion would respectfully report:

That the facts and figures, as found in the various Consistorial Reports, supply us with material for thanksgiving and encouragement. To hold our own in these days of spiritual

dearth is something, but we are glad to know that we have done more; and while there is scarcely a Church within the bounds of the Classis that has not had its additions, that of the First Claverack is to be specially congratulated for a large increase, by confession, of eighteen souls.

A glance at the Religious and Benevolent Column, which foots up larger than usual, shows that the Church is not altogether unmindful of its duty in this department of its work. The prognosés certainly is favorable. Giving implies life, health, vigor, activity, and it is to be hoped that the improvement here noted, and which must react favorably upon the internal growth of the Church, will be even more marked in the future, than it has been in the past.

Still another encouraging feature is to be found in the steady and faithful use of the means of grace, as indicated in the several reports. Increased interest in the Sabbath-school and well filled pews in the sanctuary and in the prayer room are certainly to be welcomed as hopeful signs in these days of laxity and unbelief, when the Sunday newspaper is so often substituted for the Sabbath service, and the Day set apart as holy to God is turned into a day of recreation and pleasure. While, therefore, we cannot report any unusual interest, or any large ingatherings, and while we are conscious of many failures, still the outlook is favorable and there is much to stimulate and inspire. What we need is the refreshing from on High.

From the Consistorial Reports we take the following:

The Church of Hudson, after a record of "grateful acknowledgment for the measure of Divine favor enjoyed," adds, "The regular means of grace have been publicly maintained. The Sunday and week day services have been well sustained by the people. No special spiritual interest has been manifested by unusal ingatherings, yet we are inclined to hope for the quickening work of the Spirit."

The First Claverack reports: "The review of the year makes us glad. While the attendance on the services of the sanctuary has been gratifying, the response to the call of the Gospel to repent and believe has exceeded former manifestations. From the ranks of the young have come our recruits generally. The Sunday-schools have kept themselves up to their usual standard and have contributed grandly to the communion of the Church."

The Second Claverack states "that the past year has been characterized rather by the steady use of the means of grace than by occasions of special interest. We have endeavored, as God has given us grace, to go forth bearing precious seed, though we are not privileged to come up with shouting over the gathered harvest. We greatly need a baptism of the Holy Ghost."

Linlithgo, after mentioning "the public confession of Jesus Christ by two souls" says: "Yet, if this day of small things, that, so far from despising, we devoutly cherish, is a true index of our faith and its working, then Lord increase our faith. We have been faithful to all the services appointed by the Church, and with full confidence in the efficacy of the Holy Spirit to accomplish the divine purpose by the Gospel we continue to wait on the Lord."

From Greenport we hear that though the "pastor's health has been exceedingly frail" the "ordinances of God's house have been uninterrupted," the meetings for prayer regular and well attended. * * * "Biblical instruction has received increasing attention." * * * The Church has increased her Sabbath-school facilities considerably the past year. * * * "The lecture room has been enlarged one-third the original size, and provision made for the infant department in an extension," this without debt. * * * "The Lord awards us fully a usual degree of spiritual and material prosperity, as is seen by the statistical table."

Germantown remarks: "The past year has been one of mark in the history of our Church. During it a new house of worship has been built in the village and the old one, located on the hill, been abandoned. * * * The new building—not yet entirely completed—has cost $8,000. If all subscriptions are paid in we will be *nearly* if not *entirely* free from debt. * * * While we regret that we cannot report complete unity we are thankful that *only a small* number of those who were wont to meet with us on the Lord's day in the old house are not seen at our services in the new. * * * Our services have not, during the present pastorate, been better attended than during the past four months. * * * In the size of our audiences, the close attention paid to the preached Word, the few additions, and the hopeful state of some, we have reasons to hope for a more abundant ingathering at no distant day."

Upper Red Hook, after speaking of general prosperity and active effort, adds: "While we are glad to report a full appreciation of religious privilege, as evinced by the attendance upon the stated services of the sanctuary and the Sabbath-school, special encouragement is to be found in the hearty and enthusiastic responses to the claims of benevolence."

Taghkanic writes that there is "no diminution of strength and purpose in the work of the Master. Lukewarmness in a measure we confess, but the general work, we believe, happily advances. We have no financial incumbrance. We, therefore, anticipate doing more in the vineyard."

Gallatin, from whose statistical table we learn that nine have been received into the Church during the year, has recently become vacant. No remarks accompany the table. We trust this Church may soon secure another shepherd and without going through a candidating process that is derogatory to the Church, humiliating to the man, and unsavory to the Almighty. The conversion of the vacant pulpit into an auction stand is, we fear, doing much harm.

Livingston Church at Linlithgo writes: "During the past year the ordinances of God's house have been duly observed. The preaching of the Gospel has been regular and faithfully attended to. The prayer-meeting has become a permanent matter, and the interest in the same on the part of church members considerably increased. The Sunday-school has been largely increased, both in numbers and interest, and our hope is that the season before us will show a still better record."

E. C. SOUDDER, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.

The Committee on the State of Religion having examined the reports of the Churches in the Classis of Kingston, respectfully submit the following synopsis:

The Church of Bloomingdale reports a fair spiritual condition. The public services on the Lord's day and the weekly prayer-meeting are well attended. The Sunday-school is in good working order. Temporally they have been blessed in the removal of a large portion of a burdensome debt.

The Clove. This Church has been kept in a state of healthy interest and activity. A few valuable accessions have been

gained. Extensive repairs and improvements have been made in the church at Alligerville.

Dashville Falls says the attendance at the Sabbath services is about the same as in former years. There has been no falling away, yet no evident progress has been made. We have prayed for a spiritual awakening, but in His wise providence God has seen fit to pass us by, and to leave His children with no great degree of warmth and sinners slumbering. We wait in hope for the outpouring of the Holy Ghost.

Guilford reports temporal blessings. The cause of temperance has received considerable attention, and a number have been led to abandon the intoxicating cup. Spiritually they have felt God's presence in the conversion of two souls.

Hurley says the year past has been one of quiet growth. The prayer meetings and Sabbath services have been well attended. An unusual spirit of liberality has been manifested. With the settlement of their new pastor, Rev. De Witt B. Wyckoff, their outlook is good, and their hearts are encouraged by the tokens of Divine favor.

Kingston Second. The Church has suffered somewhat during the year by the removal from the city of some of its valued members and the loss of others by death. The blessing of the Lord has, however, been vouchsafed to an encouraging extent in a more than ordinary religious interest during the latter part of the ecclesiastical year. Grateful mention is made of a good degree of prosperity in the various departments of Christian efforts.

Krumville is in a prosperous condition. A good degree of spiritual interest is manifested. Three weeks of extra services were held, conducted by the pastor, and the membership was much revived. They still continue in prayer for greater spiritual blessings.

Lyonsville reports the spirit of discord in their midst to the exclusion of spiritual life.

Marbletown shows a considerable degree of activity in all departments of church work, a good attendance at the Sabbath services, the weekly prayer-meeting and lecture. The floating debt of the Church, by systematic effort, is in the way of steady liquidation, with the prospect of being entirely removed. Both temporally and spiritually their condition is healthful and encouraging.

North Marbletown, in its temporalities, is in a satisfactory condition, out of debt and paying its way. All the regular and customary means of grace have been observed during the year without interruption. The results, though attended with no remarkable or special work of grace, are sufficient to show the presence of God and the influence of His Spirit.

New Paltz. Peace and prosperity attended this Church. The congregation is blessed with harmony and many evidences of God's presence. God, in His providence, has seen fit, by sickness, to lay aside our pastor from his usual work for six months. This affliction has been shared by the people, as made manifest by the many expressions of sympathy for him in his trials. During the pastor's absence the Rev. Dr. S. W. Mills ministered to his people. His labors have been fruitful of good results.

Rochester. The stated means of grace have been continued without interruption and with good attendance. The results, though not large in comparison with other years, still show the presence of the Holy Spirit in the conversion of souls. Peace and harmony prevails. While we have nothing striking to present, yet we feel that health and activity have characterized all our efforts. The prospects for the future are encouraging.

Rosendale reports the building of a parsonage and other material improvements. The Sabbath services and prayer-meeting show a good attendance. The Sabbath-school is in quite a flourishing condition, and considerable interest is manifested. Of any special effusion of the Spirit it is not our pleasure to report. At the same time we have not been entirely destitute of the workings of the Spirit.

St. Remy. During the year all the means of grace have been enjoyed in connection with the preached Word. We have had no special revival, yet have been blessed in our efforts to win souls. Peace and harmony have prevailed, and we are in a healthy state to go forward, to build up the Heavenly kingdom and to gather in souls for the Master.

From other Reports we gather the following facts:

That the Gospel is regularly dispensed; the Sabbath audiences good; the prayer-meeting sustained, and the various benevolent objects remembered. In comparison with other years we have not gone forward; in fact, the sum total of the membership in many of our Churches has decreased. The same is

true also with regard to our benevolent contributions. Yet we are not without some fruit. A few have come out from the world and professed faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. God's power has been felt and enjoyed, and believers have been quickened and strengthened. The blessings that we have received demand our grateful acknowledgment, and will be followed speedily, we hope, by larger and more cheering ones.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.—The pastoral relation between the Rev. L. J. Lockwood and the Church of Hurley has been dissolved and Mr. Lockwood has been dismissed to the Presbytery of North River. The Rev. A. Westveer was received from the Classis of South Long Island and installed over the Church of Rosendale. Mr. Eugene Hill was examined and licensed. The Rev. D. W. B. Wyckoff has been received from the Classis of Hudson and will be duly installed over the Church of Hurley May 12, 1881.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. CHURCH, *Chairman.*

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

The Committee on the State of Religion respectfully submit the following report:

"Telling the towers of our Zion, and marking well her bulwarks," we have occasion gratefully to say, "This God is still our God." He has not withdrawn His presence, or given us any reason to doubt His willingness to bless the ordinary means of grace. Some of our Churches are permitted to testify more fully than others of large results, but a survey of the field in general, reveals a higher grade of Christian activity, and an indisputable advance upon the results of the previous year. In that material prosperity indicated in the line of Church extension, and the erection of new edifices for sanctuary or Sabbath-school uses, the German Evangelical of Brooklyn, Astoria, Bushwick, South Bushwick, and Greenpoint, combine to make it for this Classis a signal year. In the reaping of spiritual harvests, Bushwick, St. Peters, Brooklyn, Sayville, and College Point, seem to have been most blessed, and in the increased benevolent appropriations, the Church of Queens unquestionably leads the way, and the amount contributed for benevolence in the Classis exceeds the amount of last year by

nearly $3,000, and the sum contributed for congregational objects is more than double, and sixty more souls added to the Churches on confession of faith.

We proceed to give in as concise a form as possible a summary of the various Consistorial reports:

Jamaica adds nothing to its tabulated statement; but we find in this at least good evidence of stability and continued enjoyment of the Divine favor, if not of a growth in membership equally marked with that of the year preceding.

Newtown speaks thankfully of the increase of contributions, and of the fruitfulness of the seed sown in some hearts, while it deplores a prevailing desecration of the Sabbath as a growing evil in the community at large.

Oyster Bay, with parsonage enlarged and improved, and with most gratifying increase of contributions both for benevolence and for home use, reports a year of quiet harmony and prosperity. The hope is expressed that many have been influenced to a new life who have not yet cast in their lot with the Church.

North Hempstead reports a fairly prosperous general condition; while the finances of the Church are stated to be on the increase, in benevolent contributions there would seem to be a serious falling off, which the report does not explain.

Williamsburg reports an increase of earnest benevolent work accomplished by its Young People's and Ladies Associations, a gratifying financial condition, and twenty-one received into fellowship on Confession of Faith.

Astoria, with no special outpouring of the Spirit to record; many have been earnest in the Master's work, and some souls have been saved. This Church rejoices in the completion of its new chapel, and in the hearty interest of the people in its erection.

Flushing acknowledges with thankfulness an appreciable gain over all losses, an encouraging attendance upon Divine Service, and particularly a new impulse and interest given to the general prayer-meetings of the Church by the active participation of her younger members. With zeal and effectiveness this band of youthful disciples are also sustaining special meetings among themselves, and in connection with the Sabbath-school.

Greenpoint discerns the good hand of the Lord in additions to the Church at every communion season, while at the same

time an unusual number of removals has more than counterbalanced the gain. The beautiful and convenient Sabbath-school building, well appointed in all its arrangements, has been completed and dedicated, and the larger part of the cost been defrayed.

South Bushwick reports that "the outlook is favorable." We may add that the retrospect is equally so. The new chapel has been almost completed, providing added facilities for Sabbath-school and church work.

Second Astoria is grateful and glad for being permitted to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of its organization, and asks the prayers of the brethren for its continued prosperity.

East Williamsburg has been called to an experience of trial through a great part of the year. The illness of the pastor and of other helpers has seriously crippled the work.

Queens is graciously permitted to testify to the Spirit's presence in the community during the closing weeks of the year. As a result, Christians have been revived, and quite a number brought to Christ, whom the Church expects to receive into its fellowship at the next Communion. This Church has acquitted itself nobly in its gifts to the Lord, and is now reaping a blessing. Two native teachers in India are sustained by the Sabbath-school.

German Evangelical Church, Brooklyn, has special reason for thankfulness in the accomplishment of the object for which it has long labored and prayed,—the erection of its new church edifice. Their beautiful and commodious sanctuary now stands as a monument to the goodness of God, and to the remarkable liberality of their own people, who have given to the cause, we might almost say, "beyond their ability,"—few at least, out of their abundance; the many, out of their poverty. Even now the ordinary capacities of the building are taxed to the utmost, and there is every indication that the further enlargement of both church and Sabbath-school room will soon be required. For spiritual blessings also not withholden, this Church lifts its strains of praise.

Sayville.—The year's record presented by this little Church, so often sorely tried, is most gratifying. To use their own words, "it has been with them in spiritual things a blessed year," the Lord being visibly with them. Eleven souls—more than ever before in any one year—have been gathered into the

fold of Christ; one of these from the Romish Church. All religious services have received unusual attention. For the first time a regular Sabbath-school has been established, already numbering ninety-one members, and a considerable corps of young people is in process of training for Christian work. Taking all into consideration, your Committee regards the exhibit of the Church of Sayville as satisfactory as any presented to the Classis.

Locust Valley holds out in her report encouraging prospects. Supplied once more with a stated ministry, keeping up the regular services in spite of many hindrances, and receiving larger accessions to the membership than in the previous year, the Church "has maintained her influence for good upon the surrounding community." The most marked feature in her progress has been the determination, if possible, to become entirely self-sustaining as a Church, with a fair prospect of its becoming and continuing to be an accomplished fact.

College Point indicates in her report a very marked advance. With every pew taken, with the number of families increased more than one-third, and with twenty-two added by confession of faith to its membership, the prospects in this Church has been truly gratifying. Weekly meetings, both in English and German, have been sustained as never before, and the pastor's method of training the youth in the doctrines of the Word of God and the Catechism, has certainly by its effects demonstrated its wisdom and efficiency.

Long Island City has also fallen into line in the march of improvement. Both exterior and interior of the church building have been renewed and decorated in a tasteful manner, and the prospects of an increased prosperity are favorable.

Bushwick records a quiet religious interest, as the fruit of which at present many serious inquirers are found, and twenty-eight have already been welcomed to the fellowship of the Church. Eighteen additions by certificate swell the total of accessions to forty-six. The increase of Sabbath hearers makes the question of church enlargement a probability of the near future. The Sabbath-school has already outgrown the new accommodations provided a year and a half ago, constraining to the use of still another building. In these tokens of the Divine favor, as well as in the mutual edification with which the prayer-meetings have been sustained, the time-honored Church of Bushwick justly finds occasion for thanksgiving.

There would seem to be a difficulty, as regards most of the Churches, in ascertaining the number of baptized non-communicants; consequently no reliable indication of the fact can be obtained from the column set apart for that purpose.

But few changes have occurred during the year. No pastor has been dismissed from his charge. Rev. William Stephenson has been received from the Presbytery of New York, and installed over the Church of North Hempstead. The licentiate Alfred D. W. Mason was received from the South Classis of Long Island, ordained to the ministry, and installed as pastor of the Church of Locust Valley.

Rev. Henry Frech was received from the Classis of Bergen, and arrangements made for his installation over the German Evangelical Church of Jamaica.

We also record with sorrow the sudden removal by death of Rev. Julius Hones, in the midst of his years and usefulness.

O. E. COBB, *Chairman.*

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

Your Committee on the State of Religion beg leave to submit the following report:

Our religious experience during the past year has been in some respects a peculiar one. As we look back over the past Winter, it is with feelings of disappointment, yet with humble gratitude to our Heavenly Father for the privilege of working for Him, and for the degree of success attending such labor. Early in the ecclesiastical year now closing, there was a very general feeling of spiritual dearth, and a desire for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on our Churches, and a deeper work of grace in our own, and in the hearts of all our people. This led, early in the Fall, to the appointment of a Committee to arrange for a classical visitation of the Churches. During these services the longing for the manifestation of God's saving power deepened and became more intense. Other meetings were arranged for and held, and were characterized by great fervency in prayer and addresses, and it did seem at times that the heavens would rend, that God would come down and shake the earth and save the multitudes. But the cloud passed,

the heavens cleared, and we got only a few drops of the expected and much needed shower.

Thanks be unto God, some souls have been saved, the gifts and graces of the Spirit have been greatly revived in the hearts of professing Christians; but we believe the greatest blessing has been experienced by the ministers. During these meetings the brethren have been brought closer together, to know and love each other as never before.

There is to-day in the pulpits a fervency in prayer, an earnestness and directness in preaching that has not been very general of late years. This being so, we believe the great fruits of last Winter's revival are yet to be gathered. So our report to-day is not the voice of dissatisfied grumbling, but of an intense, unsatisfied longing for a more glorious future.

According to our faith it has been, and shall be unto us.

The following is a brief outline of the condition of the several Churches in the Classis:

First Brooklyn reports a year of quiet work. Having revised the list of Church members, and dismissed a large number who had moved away, the number of actual members is considerably reduced. Attendance at morning service is good, evening not so good. Sabbath-schools are flourishing, also the Ladies' Aid Society, and throughout the year there has prevailed a spirit of peace and fraternity.

Flatbush reports: "During the past year the Word of God has been most faithfully and acceptably preached." Prayer meetings have been well attended, and a good degree of interest manifested, especially toward the close of the year. The Sabbath-school is doing an excellent work, and the Ladies continue their good old custom of tract distribution. To this Church the future is bright with hope.

Flatbush Mission. The mission connected with this Church is under the pastoral care of Rev. Charles S. Wright who has labored during the year most faithfully and efficiently.

New Utrecht reports: Nothing of unusual importance has occurred during the year. The interests of the Church have been attended to with cheerfulness. A good degree of temporal prosperity has been enjoyed. A spirit of peace and harmony prevails among all the people.

Gravesend reports: "An awakened interest in church work on the part of the people. They seem to feel anew the respon-

sibility resting on them. There is also among the unconverted a solemn inquiry, what they must do." Attendance at church service is increasing.

Flatlands reports: "Nothing beyond the ordinary events of a church year marks that one covered by this report. The ordinances of the Gospel have been regularly administered, and not without saving results. Two Sabbath-schools are in a prosperous condition." They report four deaths, two of whom, George Kouwenhoven and John Williamson, have been elders in the Church, the other two have been long members, and both died in the eighty-fourth year of their ages. A Temperance Association also is well sustained by the young people of the town.

New Lots reports: During the year we have enjoyed a fair degree of temporal and spiritual prosperity. We have had discouragements, but they have been few compared with our blessings. Divine service is well attended, peace and harmony prevail amongst us, and a good degree of spiritual interest manifested in the Sabbath-school.

East New York reports: We have nothing of special interest to record. The past has been a year of hard work, with some discouragements. During the Winter our attendance on public service was affected considerably by much sickness. We lost two by death, one, Stephen P. Stoothoff, an elder, was taken out of his duties here to his rest above. Of late, attendance is greatly increased, and a spirit of interest is manifested, and a number are inquiring after the way of life. Sabbath-school in a flourishing condition.

South Brooklyn reports: During the past year we made a determined effort to render our Church self-sustaining, and were successful. This accounts for the smallness of their benevolent contributions. Spiritually the Church is in good health, but suffered much materially through the prolonged ill-health of the pastor. Thankful for his recovery, they and their pastor are looking hopefully forward.

Middle Brooklyn.—Nothing in addition to the statistical report has been received. The pastor is absent in Europe.

12th Street, Brooklyn reports: "We are thankful we are able to report an increasing interest in our work as the year closes. Services well attended, a good spirit has prevailed. The people are united and hearty in their work, and our hearts are cheered."

North Brooklyn reports: "The past year has not been without trials involving sore anxiety. But its close finds the Church compact, one hearted, and thoroughly in earnest in the work which has been given us to do." Thankful for past blessings they enter on the future with fresh courage.

Church on the Heights.—This Church being without a pastor, sends only the statistical report which has been recorded.

Bethany Chapel, under the pastoral care of Rev. Jacob Whitehurst, has enjoyed a blessed season of refreshing during the past Winter. From this Mission there united with the Mother Church thirteen by profession and ten by letter.

New Brooklyn reports: The hope that filled our hearts last year is increased. The Lord has been with us and blessed us, and we enjoy much of the presence of the Master.

Bedford, Brooklyn.—This Church being without a pastor, sends only the statistical report which has been recorded.

Second Flatbush reports: The faithful performance of the pastoral work, not only in preaching the Gospel, which has been greatly blessed, but also in catechetical instructions. It refers also to noble aid rendered the Church by the Ladies' Society.

Canarsie.—This Church gives thanks for the Lord's gracious presence and help. They have been blessed temporally and spiritually. They have a good Sabbath-school. The Ladies' Society has rendered very efficient aid to the Church during the year.

In all these reports we find a spirit of cheerfulness big with the hope of future good. Now if all this good is to be realized and made permanent, the South Classis of Long Island has got some difficult work before it.

Within the bounds of this Classis, and past the doors of our homes and churches, lie the great thoroughfares from these cities and surrounding country to the pleasure resorts on Long Island sea shores, and in the wake of the opening of these thoroughfares follow the gigantic evils of this age and country, *Sabbath desecration* and *drunkenness,* with its attendant vices. By these the services of the sanctuary are interfered with, the peace and quiet of our homes and society are disturbed, and there seems to be no redress in the ordinary way of having such wrongs righted. If you remonstrate with the evil-doer you get only abuse, and thus far endeavors to obtain redress through

the laws made and provided for the purpose have failed. Corruption and injustice reign supreme. Your Committee sincerely believes this yoke can be thrown off, and earnestly recommends that the pastors and Churches of this Classis take some steps looking in this direction. Instead of a lone Church organizing a Law and Order Association for self-protection, let there be a combined, united and an aggressive movement made on the common foe. Thus by earnest work, fervent prayer, and a clean ballot on election day, let the Christian people come forward and "man the ship," put true men at the wheel, and give tone, and character, and direction to society and to affairs in general.

Personal.—It is with deep sorrow we have to record the continued illness of our dear Bro. Rev. D. S. Sutphen. Again our prayers go up to our Father for his recovery, and for sustaining grace and the comforts of the Holy Spirit for the family so sadly afflicted.

Ministerial Changes.—Rev. A. H. Brush was received from the Classis of Rensselaer and installed over the Church of New Utrecht. Rev. S. S. Mitchell was dismissed to the Presbytery of Buffalo. Rev. A. Westveer to the Classis of Kingston. Rev. Alex. Shaw to the Classis of Bergen. Rev. P. E. Kipp to the Classis of Schenectady. Candidate A. D. W. Mason was licensed and dismissed to the North Classis of L. I.

WILLIAM H. HILL,

Chairman of Committee.

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

Your Committee respectfully report that returns have been received from all the Churches composing this Classis, except Mattoax and Brookfield.

From the different reports it does not appear that many of the Churches have experienced a season of revival. While some regret their inability to report any special presence of the Spirit of the Lord, others feel encouraged by the evidence of the Holy Spirit's power in the large additions to their membership on confession of faith. The total now in communion is 6,940, showing an increase of only forty-nine over last year,

but the smallness of this seeming increase may partly be accounted for by the fact that several of the consistories have revised their list of membership.

One encouraging feature of the reports reveals the fact that greater attention is paid to the catechetical instruction of the youth, the number of catechumens of this year exceeding that of last year by 521. The same is true in reference to the contributions, both as to benevolent and congregational purposes. The former show a balance of over $13,000 in favor of this year's account, and the latter of over $9,000. A final footing up shows instead of the above a balance of more than $11,000 for benevolent purposes and nearly $32,000 for congregational purposes. Thus, while we regret the small accession to the membership of the Church, we thank God that it has pleased Him to bless His people in another direction.

Your attention is directed to the following extracts from the several reports:

The Collegiate Church reports the rebuilding and refurnishing of the chapel, corner Seventh avenue and 54th street, at an expense of about $9,000; a marked growth of the congregation and Sabbath-school in the same place, and an unusual degree of religious interest. In the other Churches and chapels the the public services have been sustained mostly with considerable increase of numbers and the various forms of Christian effort have been prosecuted as usual.

The Church of Harlem has nothing special to report. The accessions to the membership amount to one on confession and eight on certificate.

The South Church has increased its membership to the number of twelve, but also reports a loss by death to the number of seven, leaving an actual gain of only four, deducting one case of dismissal.

Staten Island says: "The public ordinances are well attended, also the weekly meetings at different points; the two Sabbath-schools are in a prosperous condition. An incumbrance on a piece of property designed for a cemetery has been discharged, and contributions to the amount of $8,400 were raised by the congregation for that purpose."

Bloomingdale keeps up the ordinances of the Lord and the work of the Sabbath-school amidst desolation produced by upheavals and transition. Although her difficulties and trials do

not seem to her passed away, yet she believes that her prospects are brightening.

Madison Avenue announces decided improvements in her church work. The Sabbath-school has outgrown the accommodation furnished and makes the completion of the chapel an object of hope and necessity. The attendance on the services of the Church on Sunday, as well as during the week, shows a marked increase. The efforts of the ladies of the congregation in benevolent work have been greater than usual. The effort of the Church to raise the amount of its bonded debt has resulted in a subscription of $66,000, two-thirds of which have been paid in. The effect of this effort and sacrifice on the part of the congregation has insured to her the Master's blessing and caused her to "thank God and take courage."

Thirty-Fourth Street says: "The twelve months gone have been less fruitful in accessions than those immediately preceding, although the presence of God's Spirit has not been lacking. The work has been carried quietly forward. The organizations of labor among the young and among the neglected classes have been maintained. We face the future with hope and courage."

The German Evangelical Mission reports: "The attendance on public worship has been regular and fair. The number of additions evinces the presence of the Holy Spirit. Our contributions have considerably increased. There was no disturbance of any kind in the several departments of Christian activity. Good feeling has prevailed among the members, provoking one another to good works. On the whole, we have much cause to be thankful and to bless God and to take courage."

St. Paul's, Mott Haven states; "Peace, harmony and brotherly love have prevailed during the year without interruption. The services of the Church have been well sustained. We confidently believe good work has been done in the teaching and preaching of the Word, but the results have been less than in years past. Our condition is generally hopeful and prosperous, and we hope and pray and look for enlargement in the near future."

The Union Church, High Bridge testifies to an increased attendance on the religious services; to a great benefit derived from the study of the International Lessons in the Sunday-school and from an interchange of views thereon at the weekly

prayer-meeting. From the increased facilities of communication with the city, and the consequent increase of population, she expects naturally a proportion of the growth of the Church.

The Fourth German Church has every reason to feel encouraged. The attendance on the services of the Church has steadily increased; the additions to the membership of the Church are larger than before; the contributions for congregational and benevolent purposes exceed those of any previous year, and the Sunday-school in both departments is doing a noble work.

The Prospect Hill Church reports "that very slight change has occurred during the year. This fact is judged to be, to some extent, due to the obscure and unattractive location of their house of worship. The number received into communion is the same as in the previous year, while only one has been dismissed, as against six during the previous year. The contributions for missions have increased. This advance is due to larger attention given in the Sabbath-school to the work of the Church at home and abroad."

The Holland Church cannot report any special spiritual awakening nor large additions to its membership. Still she is not discouraged, but intends to remain faithful to her charge, and hopes and prays that the Lord, in His own time, will visit her with a special token of His divine favor. The immense tide of immigration from Holland has opened for this Church a large and very important field of usefulness, from which she expects to reap much precious fruit. She is very desirous to call the attention of Classis to this particular work.

Brookfield, Conn., has not sent in any report.

The German Evangelical Church, Avenue B, says: "We have great cause to thank the Great Head of the Church for the healthy and steady growth in membership and for the visible signs of the Spirit of Grace working on the minds of many. Our regular services on the Sabbath and during the week are well attended, and the Sunday-school is in prosperous condition. The children are faithfully instructed in the Heidelberg catechism by the pastor, and we look to the future with great hope."

The Church of Brighton Heights states: "Besides our temporal prosperity we have received many spiritual blessings, as manifested in the increase to our communion, and in the

marked edification of our church members; for which we render thanks unto our Great Spiritual Head."

The Union Church, Sixth Avenue, reports an addition of five on confession and eleven on certificate.

The German Norfolk Street Church says: "There is a great desire among many of our people to hear the Word of our Lord Jesus Christ."

The Richmond, Staten Island, and the Church of the Huguenots, Staten Island, merely send in statistics.

Your Committee would call the attention of Classis to the fact that some of the Churches return nothing but statistics, and more than half do not comply with the Synod's direction to report the baptized non-communicants.

The following changes have taken place during the past year:

The Rev. E. S. Fairchild was installed pastor of the Union Reformed Church, Sixth avenue. Rev. W. S. Enyard has died. Rev. William Floyd has transferred his relationship to the New York and Brooklyn Association of Congregational Churches. (Added by Stated Clerk.) Rev. Jos. R. Duryee, of the Classis of Newark, N. J., was received as a member of this Classis.

The pastoral relations between the Rev. F. M. Kip, D.D., and the Church of the Huguenots, Staten Island; between the Rev. E. P. Rogers, D.D., and the South Church of New York, and between the Rev. G. H. Mandeville, D.D., and the Church of Harlem were dissolved, the latter to take place on the first of May, 1881.

JOHN H. OERTER, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.

Report of Committee on the State of Religion for the Classis of Orange, read, accepted, and adopted in Classis, April 19, 1881.

The returns from the Churches examined by us are generally of a hopeful and encouraging nature.

Berea has prospered during the year. Ten persons added on confession indicate the presence of the Holy Spirit among them. For the first time in their history they have elected a Board of

Deacons. They recognize and gratefully acknowledge God's mercies.

Bloomingburgh is still trusting and praying. Though small and weak they are still hopeful. Seriousness pervades the congregation. The death of elder Stephen Harris is a sore affliction. His place, they fear, cannot be readily filled.

Claraville. Services well attended and a few souls have been brought into the kingdom.

Callicoon. Severely afflicted by the sudden death of their late pastor, Rev. G. Wendemuth. Still they are not utterly cast down. They have a hopeful prospect of soon filling their vacant pulpit, and anticipate a better state of things among them.

Deerpark is prosperous in temporal things, but sees no sign of the Spirit's presence and power. They wish to give themselves, with deeper humility, unto faith and prayer.

Ellenville has nothing of special interest to report. Struggling with financial difficulties, spiritual things seem to suffer. Still their trust is in Him who alone giveth the increase.

Fallsburgh has no accessions and yet sees a world without full of needy—because sinful—souls. They still retain their benevolent habit. The Gospel is preached and peace prevails among them.

Grahamville has well attended services, but no conversions. Still members are growing in grace and the Church is standing more steadily.

Mamakating has been scantily fed with the preached Word during most of the past year. Still the prayer-meeting has been sustained and the Church held together. Though few in numbers they are better united than they were and are hopeful of good to come.

Montgomery is peaceful and prosperous. They have enlarged their benevolence, and at the same time have repaired and beautified their house of worship.

New Prospect thinks the congregation is more united and more inclined to church work. Prayer-meetings and Sabbath-school both prosperous.

Shawangunk thinks that church work is moving steadily and, in the main, prosperously along. "Week-of-Prayer" services were of great interest. They have lost heavily of late, both in members and in financial strength. We long and pray for an outpouring of the Spirit.

Unionville, organized less than a year ago, is growing and hopeful; Church and congregation harmonious and deeply in earnest. Eighteen have been added on confession.

Walden has been led in a smooth, plain track. They have tried to walk in it, seeking the lost and trying to lead them into the house and salvation of God. The temperance work among them has assumed encouraging aspects.

Walkill Valley has yet a little strength; has kept the Word and not denied the Master's name. Frequent changes occur; membership and attendance fluctuate; a loyal spirit towards the Church prevails, and there is growth in interest and in faith.

Wawarsing has grown in liberality; public service well attended, and prayer and diligence accompany the hearing of the Word.

Newburgh has the witness of the Spirit's presence and power. A goodly number have subscribed unto the Lord. Attendance upon the ordinances well sustained; finances prosperous; debts are paid and benevolence increased.

And thus, on the whole, these returns are encouraging. The total gain in membership is small, still it is gain and not loss. In a few instances benevolent gains appear, but there remains room for ample improvement. From every quarter there is a loud cry for revival.

Since our last meeting Rev. George Wendemuth has gone from labor to reward. His sudden departure is admonitory to us who remain. The night cometh wherein no man can work.

Rev. Thomas Fitzgerald has been dismissed from the Church of Minnisink to the Presbytery of Newton, N. J.

Rev. A. F. Todd has been dismissed to the Classis of Schoharie.

Rev. Carl Schmolz has been received from the Lutheran Synod of Michigan. Signed,

G. D. LYDECKER, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

In looking over the reports we are glad to see an increase in the benevolent contributions. The tenor of the remarks from most of the Churches seems to be a general lament on account

of the small number of additions on confession of faith in Christ. It has become a serious question and well worthy the attention of every pastor, how can the baptized members of the Church be brought to an open confession. Notwithstanding the lack of additions and the number of deaths and dismissions, there is cause for thankfulness to God for the peace and harmony which prevails in all the Churches, and great encouragement for earnest work during the coming year.

L. W. LOTT, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.

The Committee on the State of Religion do present the following report:

A report has been received from all the Churches except Greenburgh, and these have been carefully considered, both in their statistics and summary statements, and so amply, yet succinctly, are these several written statements that it was deemed advisable not to condense them further lest we should send up to Particular Synod a mere summary, against which practice our Particular Synods have besought Classes, asking for more of the particularia besides mere tabular accounts. Your Committee have ventured, therefore, to depart somewhat from the condensation system, in this instance especially, because each pastor's statement, except in an instance or two, is sufficiently brief, and may be incorporated in full without making this report unreasonably long.

These statements are as follows:

Melrose. We are a German Church and not a people of wealth, and yet we have been unusually successful in temporal things. Our Church has doubled its income, and fourteen have confessed their faith in Christ. All the Sabbath services have been well attended; our Sabbath-school increasing in numbers and interest. A goodly number of young people have given themselves to the study of the Church of the Reformation, the pastors instructing them monthly. Have also diminished our debt of $3,500 by $400.

West Farms. Although the usual means of grace have been observed the year has been a sad and trying one. Many val-

uable members have been removed by death, among them elder Professor Wood, whose name and constant labor is known in all this Classis, and at this time of our feebleness we could ill spare. We are assured these afflictions have produced greater earnestness and activity for sustaining Christ's kingdom among this people. The young people have formed a Cöoperative Society to aid the Church financially.

Tarrytown Second reports: The consistory has but little further to report. The services on the Sabbath and during the week have all been regularly maintained with the usual attendance, but with no marked increase or diminution. The Woman's Foreign Mission Society has proved a useful auxiliary in Christian effort, and the Ladies' Weekly prayer-meeting has done not a little to sustain the tone of Christian feeling in the Church. The Sunday-school is quietly and successfully doing its work, with indications of increased prosperity. The weekly lecture on Wednesday evening and the laymen's prayer-meeting on Friday evening have been sustained with a degree of interest, but there is still room for progress, as there is in all other respects.

Church of Fordham. The year has been one of *continued temporal* prosperity. Through the same generous members of the congregation who enabled us to report last Spring a new chapel and our church edifice in process of remodeling, on which we had paid more than $3,000, these have been completed at a cost of about $14,000, and dedicated July last. We now possess an unusually attractive church, chapel and grounds, all amply and elegantly furnished for any and all services, whether in sanctuary or Sabbath-school or festival occasions; all free from debt! And can truly say in temporal appliances we are in need of nothing. Have also organized a Woman's Missionary Auxiliary Society, and more perfectly systematized our benevolent operations, which we are assured will greatly increase our contributions for the coming year. "Hitherto the Lord hath helped us!" Oh! that in spirituals we could report as favorably! Though we can report *no special* interest, yet the stated means of grace on Sabbath and during the week have been regularly observed, and with increasing attendance. From the Sabbath-school we have received two on confession; by certificate four have returned who had been alienated before the present pastorate. Brethren, render *frequent* and *fervent*

prayers for the baptism of the Holy Ghost on *pastor* and *people* of Fordham Church.

Bronxville reports an uneventful year of quiet but not wholly unfruitful labor. The services have been regularly kept up and well attended, better on Sabbath morning than formerly; on Sabbath evenings perhaps quite as well; in the prayer-meeting most encouragingly. The Church reaps from the faithful work of its nursery, the Sunday-school; still we are not content with this. The Mission in a most destitute quarter has been kept up by some of the young people with most indefatigable patience and labor. The Sabbath-school has been taught every Sabbath without fail (except some providential hindrance), though it involves a walk of one and a half miles, through all weathers and over country roads. A prayer-meeting has been well sustained in this neighborhood every Wednesday evening, conducted almost entirely by one of the deacons, while a preaching service at the Mission has been conducted by the pastor once a month. All this has not been without result. A saloon has been closed by the direct efforts and a marked change is apparent in all the neighborhood.

Peekskill. With them the year has been in some respects a memorable one. The ministry of their newly settled pastor, Rev. Wm. H. Miller, though auspiciously begun, continued only eleven months; through discouragements he resigned his charge. In their vacancy the Rev. Dr. Lansing supplied them with great acceptability, and the Holy Spirit was evidently accompanying the Word, but the severity of the winter compelled him to leave them when some seriousness and thoughtfulness was evinced. Since then and now they are supplied by Rev. Professor E. Payson Thwing, formerly pastor of the Church of the Covenant of Brooklyn, and will continue with them until June. They have been greatly weakened financially in the death of one and the removal of another of the largest paying contributors. In the midst of all, two have been received on confession, and the outlook seems more encouraging than for many months.

Courtlandtown. There is not any special interest to be noticed in our church work during the past year, although we have been encouraged by a very good attendance of appreciative hearers, both at Montrose and Verplancks. It is a hard field to cultivate and requires constant working. We are in

hopes of gathering a harvest at no far distant day. We are sowing the seed and we know the Lord will bless it and make it bring forth in due time.

Yonkers. We have little to add to our tabular figures. The year has been one of steady growth on the part of believers, but we have not the privilege of reporting large ingathering from the world. We share the prevalent feeling that there is great need for a vigorous outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon our land. Yet we wish to be grateful for what we have received. Our people are always attentive to the Word, always manifest love for the Church, and always keep their temporal affairs in order. And though we have not received as large accessions to our communion as we had in some former years, yet we have not been left without several new testimonies to the power of Divine truth. We rejoice to say that on every hand there continues to be, as usual, excellent reason why we should be encouraged to go forward diligently in our appointed work.

Unionville reports: During the year there has been no remarkable awakening among the people. The work has gone steadily and prosperously on. The principal work has been building up and encouraging Christian hearts with no small desire to pluck sinners as brands from the burning. God's Word has been explained; His people admonished and instructed. We trust the Holy Spirit ere long will reign supreme in the hearts of His people.

Tarrytown (*First*) reports: The Church has shared in the spiritual dearth which has prevailed to so large a degree throughout our country, and it can only hope that good has been done which figures can never show. A very general interest has been manifested, however, in the affairs of the Church. Our benevolent contributions have increased, and we have paid a debt of two thousand dollars which we had been bearing for some years.

From *Mount Vernon Church.* The past year has been one of activity and prosperity. The services of the Sabbath and other means of grace have been well sustained, and blessed unto the salvation of some souls. A goodly number has been added to the Church. There is new zeal and consecration among the young people of the Church, and the prospects ahead in that direction are very high. Our contributions to benevolent purposes have more than doubled during the last year, being one-

fifth the entire amount raised, owing to the successful inauguration of a Ladies' Home Missionary Society, auxiliary to the Domestic Board, and other special efforts. We have a fine Church, united in peace and brotherly love, and tokens are not wanting that the Spirit of God has been with us. Death has removed from us an unusually large number of old and respected members. We all have great reason to be thankful unto the Great Head of the Church for answered prayers and fulfilled promises. The membership now reaches the highest figure ever attained in the history of the Church.

WM. ANDERSON, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF ARCOT.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptised Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	*R. A. P. Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	*R. A. P. Congregational Purposes.	
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Vellore	Jared W. Scudder, M. D.	80	9	4	26	....	1	109	9	....	156	5	2	278	190 5 3	149 8 6	Vellore, " "
Coonoor	" "	76	7	30	3	....	1	98	4	2	174	4	1	280	186 3 8	179 2...	" " "
Kandipatur	" "	83	1	5	2	....	2	104	3	1	74	50	4	307	32 1 2	....	" " "
Sekadoo	" "	92	1	....	....	....	3	96	1	1	77	69	3	327	17 6 8	....	" " "
Kattupadi	Abraham William	144	1	2	2	....	5	215	14	1	195	79	8	544	33 9...	62 10...	Kattupadi, " "
Tindivanam	John H. Wyckoff, (s.c.)	16	1	....	....	1	2	24	1	....	41	1	1	166	21 11 11	25 10...	Tindivanam, " "
Alliendal	" "	44	22	1	4	....	....	35	14	9	18	70	3	185	6 3 4	7 12 2	" " "
Gnaodiam	" "	59	33	....	....	....	....	81	26	44	106	7	5	256	20 3...	29 2...	" " "
Kolapakam	" "	20	....	1	....	8	....	24	1	....	18	35	3	70	6 3 3	5 9...	" " "
Narasinganur	" "	43	....	2	5	....	....	26	2	....	30	110	5	198	8 9 3	18 10 8	" " "
Orattur	" "	91	2	6	2	....	4	70	6	2	91	38	6	358	34 1 10	23 4...	" " "
Sattambadi	" "	73	....	2	....	....	....	41	4	....	66	65	9	229	25 14 2	39 4 5	" " "
Varikkal	" "	46	....	4	4	....	1	32	6	....	74	93	5	163	12 9...	8.... 2	" " "
	Total	1331	99	97	73	13	23	1322	127	75	1875	926	88	5170	892 6...	769.... 9	

Other Ministers.—John Scudder, M. D., Creston, Nebraska.

* A rupee is worth about 50 cents.

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Hudson	William Smith	226	3	3	2	...	4	476	....	....	.....	.....	...	275	$1,575 67	$5,892	Hudson, N. Y.
First Claverack	John W. Schenck	125	18	7	3	...	7	241	2	8	.....	.....	4	200	282 77	2,158 14	Claverack, Columbia Co., "
Second Claverack	Arad J. Sebring	200	....	....	3	...	6	178	....	....	.....	.....	2	200	261 99	1,181 80	Mellenville, " "
Linlithgo	Thomas S. Dusinberre	95	2	1	...	...	3	127	5	....	.....	.....	...	80	261 21	1,084 78	Livingston " "
Greenport	John S. Himrod	92	11	1	4	...	1	260	11	9	.....	.....	2	200	223	1,800	Hudson, "
Germantown	James Wyckoff	108	6	7	1	...	4	167	1	1	.....	.....	1	106	83 50	6,244 27	Germantown, "
Upper Red Hook	Ezekiel C. Scudder	87	2	5	4	...	2	171	7	2	50	.....	1	125	650	1,900	Upper Red Hook, "
Taghkanick	James C. Garretson	80	1	3	1	...	1	112	7	....	90	.....	1	60	48 26	780 73	West Copake, "
Gallatin	Vacant	77	6	3	1	...	1	104	2	1	30	.....	1	70	129 05	1,084 68	Mt. Ross. "
Livingston Church (At Linlithgo.)	C. Blauvelt	50	1	4	3	...	...	52	1	....	65	.....	1	65	5	519 06	Linlithgo, Col. Co.. "
	Total	1140	50	34	22	...	29	1948	36	21	235	.....	...	1381	$3,624 45	$22,549 46	

Other Ministers.—Rev. W. D. Perry, Hudson, N. Y., Rev. P. Van Wyck, (s. c.,) Hudson, N. Y. Rev. Mr. Perry is a teacher, Principal of Hudson Academy.

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Bloomingdale	Eugene Hill, P. E.	80	5	4	3	...	5	117	2	2	.....	.....	1	117	$10	$754 57	Creek Locks, Ulster Co., N. Y.
The Clove	Wm. H. Vroom	150	6	1	4	...	5	232	11	4	206	75	2	290	279 54	1,631 90	High Falls, " "
Dashville Falls	Wm. N. Todd	100	1	....	....	...	1	159	2	....	.....	.....	1	135	21 25	672 46	Rifton Glen, " "
Guilford	C. F. Lasher	100	2	....	4	...	1	94	2	....	203	83	4	173	41 22	1,147	Gardener, " "
Hurley	D. B. Wyckoff, P. E.	60	9	2	....	...	3	119	3	2	90	50	3	140	150	1,023	Hurley, " "
Kingston, Second	James Demarest, Jr.	140	10	7	13	...	8	342	7	4	.....	.....	1	231	609 74	2,712 91	Kingston, " "
Krumville	Paul T. Deyo	53	2	....	....	5	3	84	4	1	60	40	1	90	14	400	Samsonville, " "
Lyonsville	" "	50	....	....	....	2	3	100	5	....	40	30	1	80	.....	130	" "
Marbletown	V. M. Hurlburt	85	8	6	4	2	...	258	4	3	.....	60	1	80	60 51	972 06	Stone Ridge, " "
Marbletown, North Ch.	V. M. Hurlburt, S. S.	56	2	2	2	...	1	116	2	1	.....	50	1	85	40 90	354 06	" "
New Paltz	Philip Peltz, (s. c.)	260	9	2	...	...	*4	434	26	4	355	300	8	340	600	1,775 40	New Paltz, " "
Rochester	John B. Church	140	5	4	....	...	3	170	6	....	125	25	5	363	65	1,188 64	Accord, " "
Rosendale	A. Westveer	94	2	2	1	...	1	*88	4	2	.....	.....	1	95	42	709	Rosendale, " "
St. Remy	Wm. N. Todd	35	3	....	1	...	...	81	1	1	.....	.....	1	75	8 19	394 89	Rifton Glen, " "
	Total	1403	64	30	32	9	38	2384	79	24	1079	713	31	1874	$1,942 05	$13,786 89	

Other Ministers.—Rev. J. R. Lente, Emeritus, Washingtonville, Orange Co., N. Y., Rev. J. Ferguson Harris, Kingston, N. Y., Stated supply of the Presbyterian Church at New Hamburgh, N. Y. * Revised list.

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Jamaica	Wm. H. De Hart	148	2	3	3	....	5	284	9	....	125	.....	1	150	$693 59	$2,834 39	Jamaica, N. Y.
Newtown	Charles I. Shepard	101	5	1	1	....	4	†199	4	....	.....	59	3	300	459 88	4,061 57	Newtown, "
Oyster Bay	John A. Davis	130	5	7	1	1	7	181	4	2	.....	.....	2	210	222 94	2,050 04	Glen Head. "
North Hempstead	William Stephenson	95	2	4	....	....	1	139	4	2	.....	7	2	140	43 46	1,821 35	Manhasset, "
Williamsburgh	Elbert S. Porter	200	21	7	6	....	7	450	7	3	.....	.....	3	250	1,053	31,177 39	Brooklyn, E. D., "
Astoria	M. L. Haines	100	8	4	9	....	1	214	6	....	61	.....	1	275	671 52	5,915 35	Astoria, "
Flushing	O. E. Cobb	95	7	2	6	....	....	217	3	5	.....	75	1	175	380	3,500	Flushing, "
Greenpoint	Lewis Francis	201	8	7	20	1	4	404	7	3	.....	.....	1	659	407 38	8,982 29	143 Noble St., B'klyn, E.D. "
South Bushwick	George D. Hulst	120	6	9	....	....	5	212	11	1	50	.....	1	525	159	7,600	15 Himrod " "
Second Astoria	C. D. F. Steinfuhrer	90	24	....	....	....	....	226	20	....	.....	20	1	175	25	800	Astoria, "
East Williamsburgh	William Ferris	80	....	....	....	....	2	26	....	....	.....	29	1	90	71 16	309 84	220 S. 5th " "
Queens	Andrew Hageman	97	4	....	5	....	1	132	6	2	.....	121	1	165	826 32	1,601 93	Queens, "
German Ev., Brooklyn	John M. Wagner	285	69	....	....	....	9	535	46	....	.....	300	2	760	207 44	25,648 30	315 Graham Av., "
Sayville	G. Van Emerick	42	11	....	3	....	....	80	8	....	.....	92	15	1	91	23 62	524 15 Sayville, "
Locust Valley	A. DeWitt Mason	50	5	1	3	....	....	59	1	4	21	85	1	85	45 28	681	Locust Valley. "
College Point	Herman C. Berg	68	22	....	....	....	....	122	12	....	55	24	1	164	273 53	3,266 60	College Point, "
Laurel Hill	Vacant	47	2	....	1	....	....	25	4	2	.....	34	1	85	58 72	298 76	Long Island City. "
First Ref. Long Isl'd City	Ernest Gutweiler	40	....	2	3	....	....	32	4	....	.....	9	1	115	15 01	556	" " "
Bushwick	Henry A. Powell	255	28	18	2	1	7	347	12	7	50	.....	1	1000	462 38	5,909 61	232 Leon'd St., Bkn., E.D., "
German Ev., Jamaica	Vacant*	85	2	1	....	....	....	102	....	....	.....	.....	1	80	19 50	850	Jamaica, "
	Total	2149	231	66	63	3	53	3986	168	31	454	778	27	6144	$6,118 85	$107,388 57	

Other Ministers.—Rev. E. R. Atwater, Brooklyn, E. D.; Rev. J. B. Alliger, New York City; Rev. Jefferson Wynkoop, Cuba, N. Y.; Rev. Wm. H. Ten Eyck, (s. c.), New Brunswick, N. J.; Rev. John Wenisch, Newark, N. J.; Rev. Emanuel Schultz, 34 Vesey St., New York.

Candidate.—Rev. Isaac W. Warner, Union Av., Brooklyn, New York. *Rev. Henry Frech, pastor elect. † Revised list.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Brooklyn	D. N. Vanderveer	*188	3	7	15	...	6	*286	7	...	...	100	...	633	$8,876	$7,000	95 Livingston St., B'kn, N. Y.
Flatbush	Cornelius L. Wells	115	10	2	4	...	3	234	1	1	247	200	...	347	6,642 66	4,000	Flatbush, Kings Co. " "
Flatbush Mission	Charles S. Wright	55	2	...	...	...	2	36	3	1	73	...	...	75	75 10	...	New Utrecht, " " "
New Utrecht	Alfred H. Brush	98	2	1	3	...	4	241	3	...	...	100	...	330	719 72	2,367 75	" " " "
Gravesend	A. P. Stockwell	120	6	2	2	...	4	202	13	...	165	110	...	180	604 64	1,900 95	Gravesend, " " "
Flatlands	Anson Dubois	80	4	...	2	...	4	*199	10	...	182	85	...	240	435 64	1,950	Flatlands, " " "
New Lots	Nicholas Pearse	70	7	5	5	...	2	170	10	...	115	...	...	145	799 44	2,079 18	East N. Y., " " "
East New York	William J. Hill	88	...	8	8	...	2	134	5	...	90	200	...	325	388 87	2,110 58	" " " "
South Brooklyn	Henry V. S. Myers	50	2	2	...	...	...	77	10	1	80	100	...	200	146 70	2,046 93	1059 3d Av., Brooklyn, "
Middle "	Edward P. Ingersoll	190	6	20	26	...	4	527	13	...	...	...	...	290	461 50	8,688 79	365 Union St., " "
12th St. "	Uriah D. Gulick	200	24	21	13	...	8	*573	30	7	249	...	...	1354	751 05	9,689 33	257 12th " " "
North "	Alexander R. Thompson	70	9	4	7	...	5	....	13	5	.....	145	...	205	430 66	4,796 50	180 Clermont Av." "
Ch. on the Heights, Bkn	Vacant	120	16	12	12	...	6	383	23	1	.....	50	...	450	7,096 26	6,508 69	
New Brooklyn	Jacob Weber	105	33	4	...	...	3	284	95	....	595	35	...	285	53	1,299 37	772 Herkimer St., " "
Bedford "	† W. T. Griffin	80	1	14	22	...	1	100	4	...	.....	.....	...	150	67	3,608 39	676 Bedford Av., " "
Second Flatbush	Henry A. Friedel	40	6	...	...	...	...	90	11	...	.....	8	...	50	43	487	Flatbush, Kings Co., " "
Canarsie	Conrad Dickhout	23	8	...	...	...	3	78	7	....	78	10	...	60	6 60	502	East N. Y., " "
	Total	1687	139	102	119	...	57	3614	258	16	1874	1148	...	5819	$27,597 84	$57,080 46	

Other Ministers.—Rev. Jacob West, Secretary of Board of Domestic Missions, 34 Vesey St., New York City; Rev. J. Mason Ferris, Secretary of Board of Foreign Missions, 34 Vesey St., New York City; Rev. John A. Lansing, 430 Gates Av., Brooklyn, N. Y.; Rev. Daniel Rapalye, Missionary, Amoy, China; Rev. Jacob Whitehurst, in charge of Bethany Chapel, 198 Prince St., Brooklyn, N. Y.; Rev. R. G. Strong, Principal of Erasmus Hall, Flatbush, Kings Co., N. Y.; Rev. J. M. Van Buren, Nyack, Rockland Co., N. Y.; Rev. D. S. Sutphen, Newark, N. J,

* Revised list. † Pastor elect.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Collegiate, New York	Thomas E. Vermilye...	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	15 W. 56th St., N. Y. City.
	Talbot W. Chambers...	750	33	72	40	...	21	2050	32	3	.....	1344	7	2244	$37,805 36	.....	70 W. 36th " " "
	William Ormiston.....																17 W. 39d " " "
	E. B. Coe.....																42 W. 59d " " "
Harlem.....	Vacant.....	140	1	8	11	2	1	*321	12	1	100	45	1	580	588 90	$321 12	
South New York.....	Vacant.....	125	8	4	1	...	7	596	11	....	....	....	3	600	3,396 85	11,750 83	
Staten Island.....	James Brownlee.....	157	4	....	8	...	4	*262	7	1	100	225	2	400	932	12,394	Port Richmond, N. Y.
Bloomingdale.....	Enoch Van Aken.....	....	....	....	....	....	3	63	1	....	....	80	1	80	.....	.....	263 W. 54th St., "
Madison Avenue.....	E. A. Reed.....	143	17	19	16	...	1	238	14	5	181	244	1	404	1,548 65	49,690	28 E. 58th St., "
Thirty-fourth Street....	Carlos Martyn.....	217	5	17	20	...	5	*446	4	....	....	275	1	275	876	5,417	449 W. 34th St., "
German Evan. Mission.	J. W. Geyer.....	200	46	8	5	...	9	542	27	4	....	45	1	500	2,068 08	1,801 39	82 Second St., "
Richmond, S. I.....	Vacant.....	....	1	....	3	....	....	31	....	1	....	....	1	....	7 38	.....	Stapleton, S. I.
Huguenots, S. I.....	Vacant.....	....	....	2	....	....	2	43	1	....	....	....	1	....	69 57	.....	" "
St. Paul's, Mott Haven.	Hasbrouck Du Bois.....	110	5	10	5	...	7	*235	10	3	45	200	1	450	625	2,850	145th St., cor. 3d Av., "
Union, High Bridge.....	Hasbrouck Du Bois, S.S.	39	4	1	1	...	2	58	3	....	63	....	1	102	120 21	725 69	" " " "
Fourth German.....	John H. Oerter.....	72	80	....	....	....	1	294	40	....	85	325	1	450	225 19	2,377 27	248 W. 40th St., "
Prospect Hill.....	D. McL. Quackenbush.	72	3	6	1	...	2	164	8	....	97	211	1	425	749 51	3,259 15	231 E. 86th St., "
Holland.....	A. H. Bechthold.....	60	1	4	3	...	1	68	5	....	50	12	...	.....	73 06	420 14	279 W. 11th St., "
Brookfield, Conn.....	Vacant.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	Brookfield, Conn.,
Av. B., German Evan...	Jacob Schiegel.....	70	45	....	2	...	4	341	23	....	....	46	1	200	327 45	1,474 79	602 5th St., "
Brighton Heights.....	Wm. Walton Clark....	90	52	21	4	....	...	244	6	7	84	226	1	301	351 25	3,818 36	Tompkinsville, "
Union, Sixth Avenue...	E. S. Fairchild.....	....	5	11	15	...	3	299	5	2	.....	210	1	248	424 20	4,092 79	433 W. 19th St., "
German, Norfolk St....	G. L. Neef.....	180	51	....	....	...	6	650	12	1	.....	40	1	400	456	1,469 80	129 Norfolk St., "
Mattoax & Amelia C. H.																	
	Total.....	2425	311	178	185	2	79	6940	221	28	805	3528	27	7599	$50,634 66	$101,862 33	

Foreign Missionaries.—L. W. Kip, Amoy, China; C. H. H. Wolf, Japan.

Mission Pastors.—J. H. Bertholf, 160 W. 29th St., New York City; Abraham Thompson, (s.c.), 514 Ninth avenue, New York City, (P. O.); A. J. Park, 585 Broome St., New York City; Joseph R. Duryee, 233 W. 51st St., New York City; G. S. Plumley, (col'd Mission), New York City, P. O. Box 787.

Candidate.—Oliver H. Walser.

Other Ministers.—Rev. J. B. Steele, Canajoharie, N. Y.; Rev. C. M. Jameson, editor, Somerville, N. J.; Rev. John Forsyth, Chaplain, West Point, N. Y.; Rev. Wm. H. Miller; Rev. J. H. Sinclair, teacher, Stapleton, N. Y.; Rev. E. P. Rogers, 42 W. 27th St., New York City; Rev. G. H. Mandeville, 327 E. 124th St., New York City; Rev. F. M. Kip, Stapleton, N. Y.; Rev. Wm. L. Johnson, Missionary, Orangeburg, S. C.; Rev. Aaron Lloyd, Belleville, N. J.; Rev. James Bolton, Eatontown, N. J.; Rev. F. N. Zabriskie, editor of Christian Intelligencer, No. 6 New Church St., New York City. * Revised list.

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Berea	Peter H. Milliken	67	10	2	1	...	2	127	3	1	.....	.....	1	104	$144 60	$1,534 87	Montg'y, Orange Co., N. Y.
Bloomingburgh	Geo. D. Lydecker	47	3	4	1	...	2	97	6	2	.....	25	1	60	26 77	.....	Bloomingburgh, Sul. Co., "
Callicoon	Carl Schmolz, P.E.	70	....	....	....	....	....	....	14	....	.....	.....	1	70	5	400	Callicoon, " "
Claraville	R. P. Milliken, S.S.	25	2	....	....	....	....	45	7	7	.. ..	....	....	....	5	75	Claraville, " "
Cuddebackville	Vacant	*56	2	1	....	....	2	70	....	....	.....	30	1	82	34 20	422 83	Cuddebackville, Or'e Co., "
Deerpark	Goyn Talmage	198	3	1	8	1	3	264	6	1	.....	150	2	470	717 69	3,104 87	Port Jervis " "
Ellenville	E. W. Bentley, (s.c.)	85	3	1	3	..	1	236	3	....	.....	10	1	140	201 51	2'305	Ellenville, Ulster Co., "
Fallsburgh	W. S. Brown	86	....	1	1	1	1	119	....	....	.....	30	1	138	77 50	837	Woodburn, Sul. Co., "
Grahamville	R. P. Milliken	44	1	....	1	...	4	113	...	1	. ...	12	1	50	60	425	Grahamville, " "
Kerhonkson	Vacant	*50	....	....	....	....	....	70	....	....	.....	.....	2	160	.....	152	Kerhonkson, Ulster Co., "
Mamakating	John Dubois, S.S.	45	1	3	2	...	1	100	....	1	....	....	1	65	.....	249 58	Wurtsboro, Sul. Co., "
Minnisink	Vacant	*85	3	2	3	...	2	48	...	2	.....	40	1	75	10	619	Sussex Co., N. J.
Montgomery	Ferdinand S. Schenck	185	5	5	2	...	8	413	12	3	.....	150	1	150	1,553 36	3,078 59	Montg'y, Orange Co., "
Newburgh	J. Halsted Carroll	338	16	14	23	...	2	534	9	4	.....	29	1	200	359 03	5,054 48	Newburgh, " "
New Hurley	Robert H. Beatie	114	10	4	....	1	3	186	3	2	.....	.....	1	200	162 10	1,077 14	New Hurley, Ulster Co., "
New Prospect	John T. Demarest	82	2	5	....	....	....	140	....	....	.....	....	1	80	125 22	.....	Pine Bush, " "
Shawangunk	Cyril Spaulding	75	6	1	7	...	11	264	6	1	.....	50	3	130	152 80	873	Bruynswick, Ulster Co., "
Unionville	R. P. Milliken, S.S.	35	18	....	....	...	1	34	....	8	.....	.....	1	50	216	230	Grahamville, Sul. Co., "
Walden	M. V. Schoonmaker	80	6	8	6	...	1	180	5	....	.....	.....	1	160	420	1,600	Walden, Orange Co., "
Walkill Valley	Richard De Witt	70	3	2	8	...	3	104	7	....	.....	40	1	75	41 04	1,161 54	Shawangunk, Ulster Co., "
Walpack (Upper)	Gilbert S. Garretson	*52	2	....	3	...	2	60	....	....	.....	90	..	70	22	500	Dingman's Bridge, Pike Co. Pa
Walpack (Lower)	Henry L. Rex	*67	2	....	3	...	3	150	5	2	.....	80	2	120	52 60	947 80	Bushkill, " "
Wawarsing	Goodloe B. Bell	88	2	6	4	...	1	107	2	....	.....	40	3	190	192	1,172	Napanoch, Ulster Co., N.Y.
	Total	2044	110	60	76	3	53	3471	88	35	.....	776	28	2839	$4,578 42	$25,819 70	

Other Ministers.—Rev. Samuel W. Mills, Port Jervis, Orange Co., N. Y.; Rev. John A. Staats, Goshen, Orange Co., N. Y.; Rev. John Du Bois, Wurtsboro Sul. Co., N. Y.; Rev. Wm. E. Turner, Lake Mahopac, Putnam Co., N. Y.; Rev Henry Morris, *Emeritus*, Binghamton. N. Y.

Jeffersonville, Hortonville, North Branch and Fremont disbanded. Unionville, newly organized. * Last year's report.

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
First Poughkeepsie	A. P. Van Gieson, (s.c.)	190	4	4	6	1	8	498	5	2	.....	.....	1	299	$2,351 55	$3,670 12	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
Second Poughkeepsie:	J. Elmendorf	128	9	4	3	...	4	337	4	2	.....	100	1	150	4,910 13	5,411 57	" "
Fishkill	M. B. Thomas*	88	1	3	3	...	6	176	....	....	.....	.....	1	73	270 34	1,634 17	Fishkill, "
Hopewell	C. H. Polhemus	134	4	4	4	...	3	253	3	....	.....	75	5	250	99 65	1,126 58	Hopewell Junction, "
New Hackensack	Henry Ward	100	5	2	3	...	....	152	....	2	.....	50	5	210	426 49	1,227 83	New Hackensack, "
Hyde Park	C. K. Blauvelt	75	....	1	....	....	2	116	3	....	.....	44	1	51	85 70	1,089	Hyde Park, "
Fishkill-on-Hudson	Charles W. Fritts	120	15	4	4	...	3	261	3	6	.....	....	1	195	602 53	3,145 24	Fishkill-on-Hudson "
Rhinebeck	L. Walter Lott	103	1	3	....	...	6	219	1	1	..	.....	1	145	524	1,554 85	Rhinebeck, "
Glenham	Wm. W. Schomp	45	5	1	2	...	2	52	2	1	.....	....	1	110	92	521 54	Glenham, "
Cold Spring	.....	18	....	....	....	....	....	25	....	....	.....	25	1	30	12	500	Cold Spring "
Millbrook	Henry N. Cobb	70	3	4	2	...	1	138	2	1	.....	25	3	150	311 31	1,109 27	Millbrook, "
	Total	1066	47	30	27	1	35	2220	23	15	.....	319	21	1665	$9,685 80	$20,940 17	

Other Ministers.—Rev. S. Van Vechten, Fishkill, N. Y.; Rev. H. Hermance, Rhinebeck, N. Y.; Rev. H. Dater, Hawthorne, N. J.; Rev. C. S. Hageman, Nyack, N. Y.: Rev. A. Mattice, Pine Plains, N. Y.; Rev. G. R. Garretson, Brooklyn, N. Y.

* Pastor elect.

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Bronxville	John Hutchins, (s.c.)	47	3	2	...	...	...	83	3	2	12	...	2	87	$499 25	$2,980 37	Bronxville, N.Y.
Courtlandtown	Joseph A. Harper	80	3	...	...	...	2	78	2	1	...	...	2	110	37 07	965 14	Montrose, "
Fordham	Wm. Anderson	50	2	4	...	...	1	82	1	2	...	...	1	80	285 59	13,287 30	Fordham " City.
Greenburgh	Vacant	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Tarrytown, "
Greenville	George A. Ries	32	3	2	...	...	4	50	1	2	70	18	1	40	40	780	Scarsdale, "
Hastings	T. R. G. Peck	68	7	...	3	2	2	165	...	1	...	...	2	230	312 72	1,914	Hastings, "
Melrose	John E. Lang	55	14	2	...	...	11	95	16	2	...	14	1	335	8	1,741 39	Morrisania, " "
Mount Vernon	Chas. K. Clearwater	135	15	18	14	...	6	278	12	4	...	140	1	251	1,059 99	4,053 11	Mount Vernon, "
Peekskill	Vacant	57	2	...	...	...	1	116	2	1	116	60	1	90	100	1,201 85	Peekskill, "
Tarrytown, First	John K. Allen	115	...	3	2	2	4	235	3	...	...	...	1	178	683 93	4,529 94	North Tarrytown, "
Tarrytown, Second	John A. Todd	100	7	8	11	1	5	321	5	5	...	55	1	100	555 43	3,657 74	Tarrytown, "
Unionville	Howard Harris	60	...	1	1	...	1	89	...	...	96	24	1	87	80	1,200	Neperan, "
West Farms	J. Simonson	41	1	1	...	...	5	44	5	1	...	40	1	70	50 33	780 48	West Farms, " "
Yonkers	David Cole	150	11	10	23	...	9	356	10	3	81	99	1	300	1,572 07	4,810 35	Yonkers, "
	Total	990	68	51	54	5	51	1992	58	24	375	460	16	1988	$5,294 38	$41,851 67	

Other Ministers.—Rev. Washington Roosevelt, Pelham; Rev. Wm. Brush, Morristown, N. J.; Rev. L. H. Van Dyck, Chappaqua, Westchester Co., N. Y.; Rev. W. W. Rand, American Tract Society, Nassau St., N. Y. City; Rev. Alexander Watson, Bible House, N. Y. City.

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK, FOR YEAR ENDING MAY 3, 1881.

CLASSES.	Churches.	Ministers.	Number of Families.	Receiv'd		Total now in Communion.	BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		STATED CLERKS.
				On Confession.	On Certificate.		Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
													*R. A. P.	R. A. P.	
Arcot	22	8	1331	99	97	1322	127	75	1875	926	88	5170	822 6 0	769 0 9	John H. Wyckoff.
Hudson	10	11	1140	50	34	1948	36	21	235	.....	13	1381	$3,624 45	$22,549 46	Polhemus Van Wyck.
Kingston	14	13	1403	64	30	2384	79	24	1079	713	31	1874	1,943 05	13,786 89	Ph. Peltz.
North Long Island	20	24	2149	231	66	3936	168	31	454	778	27	6144	6,118 85	107,338 57	Wm. H. Ten Eyck.
South Long Island	17	24	1687	139	102	3614	258	16	1874	1143	....	5819	27,597 84	57,030 46	H. V. S. Meyers.
New York	20	36	2425	311	178	6940	221	28	805	3528	27	7599	50,624 66	101,862 33	Abraham Thompson.
Orange	23	23	2044	110	60	3471	88	35	.....	776	28	2839	4,578 42	25,819 70	E. W. Bentley.
Poughkeepsie	11	16	1066	47	30	2230	23	15	.....	319	21	1665	9,685 80	20,940 17	A. P. Van Gieson.
Westchester	14	18	990	68	51	1992	58	24	375	460	16	1988	5,294 38	41,851 67	John Hutchins.
Total	151	173	14,235	1119	648	27,827	1058	269	6697	8643	251	33,979	59,467 45	391,179 25	

*A Rupee is worth about 50 cents.

ARTICLE VIII.

CLASSICAL MINUTES.

The Committee on Classical Minutes reported upon each of the Books of Minutes of the Classes as follows, which was accepted andadopted:

Classis of Hudson.—The Committee on Minutes of the Classis of Hudson respectfully report that they find the book well kept, and in the record there is nothing to engage the attention of Synod.

D. B. WYCKOFF, *Chairman.*

Classis of Kingston.—The Committee respectfully report that we have examined the records, and find them in order. We think it proper to notice that every minister and elder answers yes to the question upon the preaching of the Catechism.

G. D. LYDECKER,
Elder WEEKS.

North Classis of Long Island.—The Committee to examine the Minutes of North Classis of Long Island report: We have examined their Book of Minutes and find them neatly and carefully kept, and all the proceedings regular.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD DE WITT, *Chairman.*

South Classis of Long Island.—The Committee to examine Minutes of South Classis of Long Island would report that they have examined the Minutes of said Classis and find them in excellent order, and nothing requiring the special attention of this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. LASHER.
THEOPH. A. BROUWER.

Classis of New York.—The Committee on Minutes of Classis of New York report that they have examined the Books and find them correct so far as they are able to judge.

Respectfully,
J. A. HARPER.
T. M. HAGEMAN.

Classis of Orange.—The Committee to which the Records of the Classis of Orange have been referred respectfully report: A thorough examination proves the records to be regularly and admirably kept.

WILLIAM SMITH, *Chairman.*

Classis of Poughkeepsie.—The Committee to examine the Records of the Classis of Poughkeepsie would respectfully report: We have carefully examined the records and find them correct.

A. P. STOCKWELL, *Chairman.*

Classis of Westchester.—The Committee on Minutes of Classis of Westchester report that they have examined the Minutes and find them well kept and approve the same.

WILLIAM N. TODD.
URIAH E. TERWILLIGER.

ARTICLE IX.

CLASSICAL APPEALS.

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business beg leave to report:

There has been referred to this Committee a request from Rev. N. D. Williamson that the Synod should take action condemnatory of Mormon polygamy, and transmit the same to the President of the United States.

In the opinion of this Committee action upon this subject will come with greater propriety and force from the highest judiciary of the Church; therefore,

Resolved: That the Particular Synod of New York respectfully call the attention of General Synod to the subject of

Mormon polygamy, and request that body to express, in such terms as it shall see fit, its condemnation of what, if it be not now, threatens soon to be a national crime and shame, offensive in every respect and especially abhorent to every Christian mind and heart.

E. W. BENTLEY.
G. D. LYDECKER.
THOS. S. SHEPARD.
DANIEL V. WEEKS.

ARTICLE X.

CLASSICAL REFERENCES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XI.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XII.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIII.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIV

SCHOOLS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XV.

STUDENTS IN THEOLOGY.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVI.

SIGNING THE FORMULA.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVII.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS,

Attended to by Committee on Classical Minutes.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SYNODICAL INJUNCTIONS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIX.

PARTICULARIA.

The first hour of the Tuesday afternoon session, after the organization was effected, was spent in devotional exercises. The President of Synod, Rev. David Cole, led these services.

The first half of Wednesday morning's session was used in the same way under the lead of Rev. John T. Demarest, the Adsessor. The Communion of the Lord's Supper was administered in the afternoon of Wednesday. The Form was read by the President of Synod.

Addresses at the table were made by Rev. C. L. Wells and Rev. John Hutchings, and the bread and wine were distributed by Elders A. J. Beekman, W. O. Church, T. S. Shepard, and T. M. Hageman.

The Rev. C. L. Wells addressed the Synod as delegate from the Board of Foreign Missions. The strain of the address was one of thankfulness and gratitude for the grand results achieved by the Church in the hearty response—generous and magnificent—to the appeals made in behalf of Foreign Missions in the liquidation of the debt of the Board.

At the close of the address the following action was had:

Resolved, That Synod has listened with delight and gratitude to the able and instructive address of Rev. C. L. Wells, presenting the work and plans of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Resolved, That the Synod sincerely congratulates the Board on the removal of its debt, and earnestly commends the work of the Board to the increased liberality of the Churches.

At the request of Synod, Rev. Anson Du Bois presented the work and needs of the Domestic Board of Missions; it was

Resolved, That the Synod has heard with deep interest and

sympathy the statements of Rev. Dr. Du Bois regarding the policy and importance, and necessities of the work of the Board of Domestic Missions, and are persuaded that the Board deserves and needs, and if it is to discharge the duties and do the work for which it is held responsible, must have and hold a larger place in the estimates, and prayers, and affections, and donations of the Church.

In regard to our Western College, it was resolved that this Synod expresses its deep sympathy in the prosperity of Hope College, and heartily commends it to the enlarged liberality of the Churches and individuals within its bounds, for the removal of its indebtedness, and for the complete endowment of the Institution.

Reference was made on the floor of Synod to the painful sickness of our beloved Professor Van Zandt, in the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, whereupon it was unanimously

Resolved, That the Particular Synod of New York, in session in the Reformed Church of Montgomery, of which Rev. A. B. Van Zandt, D.D., was for several years pastor, take this occasion to tender to him their sincere sympathy in his painful illness, praying the Great Head of the Church to make all his bed in his sickness, and to give him the support and consolation of His grace and the joy of His salvation.

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the Stated Clerk to Rev. Dr. Van Zandt.

The Stated Clerk was directed to procure the printing of the usual number of copies of the Minutes of this session of the Synod.

The Questor was authorized hereafter to pay the Stated Clerk a salary of one hundred dollars ($100) per year.

Resolved, That we, the members of the Particular Synod of New York desire to put on record our high appreciation of the hospitality of the pastor and congregation of the Church at Montgomery. To the ladies who have entertained us so well, not only by the provision they have made for the wants of the body, but for the pleasant faces and bright smiles—flowers upon the pulpit and upon the tables—with the families who have welcomed us to their homes, we leave the best benediction of the Lord: Peace be with you. We shall long cherish with pleasant memories our visit to Montgomery, and the meeting of Particular Synod of 1881.

ARTICLE XX.

THE QUESTORATE.

The Questorate presents the following account and report:

PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK, in account with

THEOPHILUS A. BROUWER, *Questor.*

1880.	Cr.	
June 21.	To Cash paid Rev. Anson Du Bois, D.D., for salary as Stated Clerk to May, 1881	$50
21.	" Cash paid Rev. Anson Du Bois, D.D., for traveling expenses and postage	3 80
21.	" Cash paid Rev. Anson Du Bois, D.D., for door-keeper's bill	8
July 8.	" Cash paid Hosford & Sons, for printing Minutes of 1880, (450 copies)	103 68
		$159 98
1881.		
May 1.	To Cash Balance due Synod to new account	276 51
		$436 49

1880.	Dr.	
May 5.	By Cash Balance from old account	$121 49
July 14.	" Cash from Robert B. Shepard, Esq., Questor, Classis of Hudson	23
Oct. 8.	" Cash from Rev. Philip Peltz, Questor, Classis of Kingston	35
" 18.	" Cash from Rev. Carlos Martyn, Questor, Classis of New York	54
Dec. 8.	" Cash from Rev. W. S. Brown, Questor, Classis of Orange, on account	20
1881.		
Feb. 7.	By Cash from Rev. E. P. Ingersoll, D.D., Questor, South Classis of Long Island	41
March 12.	" Cash from Rev. A. P. Van Gieson, D.D., Questor, Classis of Poughkeepsie	28
April 5.	" Cash from Rev. W. S. Brown, Questor, Classis of Orange, balance of account	35
" 14.	" Cash from Rev. William Ferris, Questor, North Classis of Long Island	49
" 27.	" Cash from Rev. Isaac L. Kip, Questor, Classis of Westchester	30
		$315
		$436 49

To the Particular Synod of New York:

The Questor, in presenting his Account, is happy to state that in consequence of full payment of dues by Classes composing Synod, a balance remains in his hands of two hundred and seventy-six dollars and fifty-one cents ($276.51), or sufficient to defray contingent expenses of Synod for the ensuing year.

We would, therefore, respectfully suggest that he be authorized to omit the assessment of Classes for the year ending May 1, 1882:

Respectfully submitted,

THEOPHILUS A. BROUWER, *Questor.*

NEW YORK, 3d May, 1881.

The Committee on the Questorate reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on the Questorate report that they have examined the Questor's accounts and vouchers and find them correct, and that a balance remains in his hands of two hundred and seventy-six dollars and fifty-one cents ($276.51).

JOHN HUTCHINS.
WILLIAM N. TODD.
C. E. LASHER.
GEO. F. SHULTIS.
A. J. BEEKMAN,
JAMES C. HENDRICKSON.

ARTICLE XXI.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL SYNOD.

The following were appointed:

Classis of Arcot.

Rev. John Scudder, M.D.

Classis of Hudson.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Arad J. Sebring,	Elder William E. Miller,
" Thos. S. Dusinberre,	" Henry Allen,
" Polhemus Van Wyck,	" R. B. Shepard.

SECUNDI.

Rev. John W. Schenck,	Elder John Sharp,
" James Wyckoff,	" Jacob W. Ten Broeck,
" William D. Perry,	" J. C. Benhem, M.D.

Classis of Kingston.

PRIMARII.

Rev. William N. Todd,	Elder George F. Shultis,
" Calvin E. Lasher,	" John J. Jansen,
" Jas. Demarest, Jr., D.D.,	" Elijah Du Bois.

SECUNDI.

Rev. D. B. Wyckoff,	Elder Samuel Ten Eyck,
" Paul T. Deyo,	" Benjamin Markle,
" Victor M. Halbert, D.D.,	" James Oliver, M.D.

North Classis of Long Island.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Herman C. Berg,	Elder A. H. Downer,
" Henry A. Powell,	" John Derringer,
" C. D. F. Stienfuher,	" John D. Gerkin,
" William Stephenson,	" Albert Van Nostrand.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Ernest Gutweiler,	Elder Jabez Harris,
" George D. Hulst,	" Edwin S. Ross,
" Charles I. Shephard,	" Henry S. Van De Veer,
" Lewis Francis,	" Cornelius H. Tiebout.

South Classis of Long Island.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Cornelius L. Wells, D.D.,	Elder Isaac E. Bergen,
" David N. Vanderveer,	" George Pool,
" Alfred H. Brush,	" R. A. Bishop.

SECUNDI.

Rev.	Anson Du Bois, D.D.,	Elder	T. M. Hageman,
"	Jacob Whitehurst,	"	John L. Ryder,
"	Henry V. S. Myers,	"	Abram J. Beekman.

Classis of New York,

PRIMARII.

Rev.	John H. Oerter, D.D.,	Elder	Gamaliel G. Smith,
"	E. B. Coe,	"	Henry Camerden, Jr.,
"	John Forsyth. D.D.,	"	William Maule,
"	T. W. Chambers, D.D.,	"	Adrian H. Muller.

SECUNDI.

Rev.	Hasbrouck Du Bois,	Elder	Horatio P. Allen,
"	Abraham Thompson,	"	Henry Van Arsdale,
"	Thos. E. Vermilye, D.D.,	"	N. S. King,
"	Julius W. Geyer,	"	W. N. Clark.

Classis of Orange.

PRIMARII.

Rev.	John Du Bois,	Elder	T. E. Newkirk,
"	Peter H. Milliken,	"	Lewis Crist,
"	Richard P. Milliken,	"	Peter Eager, M.D.,
"	Walter S. Brown,	"	John G. Gray, Esq.,

SECUNDI.

Rev.	J. Halsted Carroll, D.D.,	Elder	David M. Smith,
"	Samuel W. Mills, D.D.,	"	D. S. DeWitt,
"	Richard DeWitt,	"	J. M. Williams,
"	Goodloe B. Bell,	"	John Lyon.

Classis of Poughkeepsie.

PRIMARII.

Rev.	Henry Ward,	Elder	J. B. Jones,
"	A. P. Van Gieson, D.D.,	"	Benson Van Vliet,
"	Charles W. Fritts,	"	Walter Brett.

SECUNDI.

Rev. L. Walter Lott,	Elder John S. Gilbert.
" W. W. Schomp,	" Sidney Scofield,
" J. Elmendorf, D.D.,	" Samuel Drury.

Classis of Westchester.

PRIMARII.

Rev. John A. Todd, D.D.,	Elder Alexander Masterton,
" Lawrence H. Van Dyck,	" J. Henry Pooley, M.D.,
" John K. Allen,	" Francis Brown.

SECUNDI.

Rev. John Simonson,	Elder Joseph H. Palmer,
" William W. Rand,	" William Brinkerhoff,
" Alexander Watson,	" Israel C. See.

ARTICLE XXII.

INSTRUCTION TO DELEGATES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXIII.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Synod adjourned to meet in Annual Session in the First Reformed Church of Jamaica, Long Island, on the first Tuesday of May, A.D., 1882, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

CLOSE OF SYNOD.

The Minutes were read and approved, and Synod adjourned at the close of communion service.

DAVID COLE, *President.*
JOHN T. DEMAREST, *Adsessor.*

CHAS. K. CLEARWATER, } *Temporary Clerks,*
WM. H. DEHART, }

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ANSON DU BOIS, *Stated Clerk.*

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MINUTES

OF THE

Particular Synod of New York.

The particular Synod of New York met in Regular Session in the First Reformed Church of Jamaica, L. I., N. Y., on the second day of May, 1882, at 3 o'clock, P. M., and adjourned at 4.30 o'clock, P. M., of the second day of the session.

FORMATION OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. David Cole, D. D., the President of the last Synod, who also preached the sermon before Synod on the evening of the first day of the Session from Psalms 138:2—"Thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Classis of Arcot. ——— ———

Classis of Hudson.—Revs. T. S. Dusenberry, James Wyckoff, William Smith, Polhemus Van Wyck. *Elders*,—Baltus Van Slyke, Peter Hoffman.

Classis of Kingston.—Revs. James Demarest, Jr., D.D., Paul T. Deyo, Victor M. Hulbert, D. D., J. F. Harris. *Elder*,—Cornelius D. Westbrook.

North Classis of Long Island.—Revs. James B. Wilson, John A. Davis, Andrew Hageman. *Elders*,—James Van Nostrand, John J. Halsey, George Higbee.

South Classis of Long Island.—Revs. A. P. Stockwell, Anson Dubois, D. D., John A. Lansing, D. D. *Elder*,—Bernard Lazelere.

Classis of New York.—Revs. J. H. Oerter, D.D.; Roderick Terry, Giles H. Mandeville, D.D. *Elders*,—Theophilus A. Brouwer, Smith W. De Voe, Josephus Van Tassel.

Classis of Orange.—Rev. Walter S. Brown. *Elders*,—W. H. Woodruff, M.D., Wm. Crowell.

Classis of Poughkeepsie.—Revs. Charles S. Hageman, D.D., L. Walter Lott, Cornelius R. Blauvelt, Wm. W. Schomp.

Classis of Westchester.—Revs. George A. Ries; Lawrence H. Van Dyck, Joseph A. Harper. *Elders*,—J. H. Lent, Geo. Stewart.

ARTICLE III.

MODERATORS.

Rev. Polhemus Van Wyck was elected President; Rev. G. H. Mandeville, D.D., was elected Adsessor, and Rev. C. R. Blauvelt and Rev. J. A. Harper, Temporary Clerks.

ARTICLE IV.

MINUTES AND BEQUEST.

The Minutes of the Session of 1881 were read. The Bequest of Rev. Elias Van Benschoten was read.

ACTS OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Rules of Order were read.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were the Standing Committees:

ON SYNODICAL MINUTES.—*Ministers*,—Andrew Hageman, J. H. Oerter, W. S. Brown. *Elders*,—W. H. Woodruff, William Crowell, S. W. De Voe.

ON CLASSICAL MINUTES.—(*Arcot.*— ——— ———

Hudson—Rev. V. M. Hulbert. *Elder*,—C. D. Westbrook. *Kingston*—Rev. Wm. Smith. *Elder*,—Bartus Van Slyke. *North Long Island*—Rev. A. P. Stockwell. *Elder*,—B. Lazelere. *South Long Island*—Rev. Geo. A. Ries. *Elder*,—Jas. Van Nostrand. *New York*—Rev. J. A. Lansing. *Elder*,—J. J. Halsey. *Orange*—Rev. P. T. Deyo. *Elder*,—S. W. De Voe. *Poughkeepsie*—Rev. J. B. Wilson. *Elder*,—W. H. Woodruff. *Westchester*—Rev. James Wyckoff. *Elder*,—Wm. Crowell.

ON CLASSICAL REPORTS.—Revs. James Demarest, Jr., C. S. Hageman, J. F. Harris. *Elders*,—Geo. Higbee, Wm. Crowell, J. H. Lent.

ON THE QUESTORATE.—*Ministers.*—Revs. W. S. Brown, V. M. Hulbert, J. B. Wilson. *Elders*,—B. Van Slyke, Geo. Higbee, B. Lazelere.

ON OVERTURES AND JUDICIAL BUSINESS.—*Ministers.*—Revs. C. R. Blauvelt, A. P. Stockwell, L. H Van Dyck. *Elders.*—J. J. Halsey, S. W. De Voe, J. H. Lent.

ON NOMINATIONS.—*Ministers.*—Revs. William Smith, Joseph A. Harper, L. H. Van Dyck. *Elders.*—George Stewart, Peter Hoffman, C. D. Westbrook.

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

A letter of cordial invitation for Synod to hold its session for 1883 in the Reformed Church of Brighton Heights, S. I., was received from the pastor, Rev. William W. Clark. The communication was received and the invitation accepted.

ARTICLE IV.

GENERAL SYNOD.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Synodical Minutes would respectfully report that they have examined the Minutes of General Synod and of the Particular Synods of Chicago, New Brunswick, Albany and New York, and would call the attention of Synod to the following:

1. On page 693 of General Synod we find resolutions calling attention of Consistories, Classes and Particular Synods to Article II, Section 13th, of the Constitution, and enjoining Particular Synods, Classes and Consistories to see that these covenant engagements are honestly and religiously observed.

Your Committee would therefore recommend that the different Classes be directed to attend to this with greater care.

2. On page 729 of the General Synod the attention of the Stated Clerks of the Particular Synods is called to the Rule of Synod as found on page 31 of the Digest, and they are directed to inform the Committees on Classical Minutes of this requirement of General Synod.

In the minutes of the different Particular Synods we find nothing requiring the attention of this Synod.

A. HAGEMAN, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE V.

OTHER PARTICULAR SYNODS.

Copies of Minutes of Particular Synods of Albany, Chi-

cago and New Brunswick were received, and referred to Committee on Synodical Minutes.

ARTICLE VI.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE VII.

CLASSICAL REPORTS.

The Committee on the State of Religion reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Classical Reports beg leave to state that they have examined the reports of the several Classes connected with this Synod, and find much that is of interest bearing on the progress of the kingdom of Christ within our bounds. There is cause for thanksgiving to the Head of the Church, in view of the goodly measure of prosperity that has been vouchsafed; and there is also, on the other hand, cause for humiliation, in view of the comparatively meagre results of a year's labor in so extended a field. Some of the Classes lament the existence of spiritual dearth; others speak in terms of encouragement and praise, on account of both temporal and spiritual prosperity. All the Classes have gained in the number of church members—some very considerably, others slightly—with the exception of the Classis of Orange, which reported 368 less than last year. This number will be reduced to 180, if the figures under this head of three churches which make no report this year, but which did report last year, be inserted in the present statistical table of that Classis.

The most encouraging report comes from the Classis of Arcot, which has enjoyed a degree of prosperity unequalled in the past, with the exception of the year 1878,—not only in the number added to the churches, but in the steady progress made by the native Christians in intelligence, piety, independence and distinctive Christian influence over their

heathen neighbors. We have in this report still another motive, if such were needed, for the zealous prosecution of our foreign missionary work.

Next to the Classis of Arcot, that of New York rejoices in general prosperity and in a total addition to its church membership larger than for a number of years past.

Several of the Classes make mention of a very encouraging exhibition of the grace of benevolence, which seems to be in a state of healthful growth within the bounds of the Synod. The total amount of the religious and benevolent contributions reported are very nearly up to the figures of last year, which included the special contribution on behalf of Foreign Missions, and are largely in excess of the amount reported in this column two years ago.

With these general remarks we submit the detailed statements of the several Classes.

Respectfully,

JAS. DEMAREST, JR.,

Chairman.

CLASSIS OF ARCOT.

The past year has been one of great blessing to our Arcot Classis. If we except the year 1878, in no previous year have the churches received such large accessions—378 persons, 143 of whom were adults, have been baptized; 157 have been received on confession; the total number of communicants has increased over all losses by 159; and the contributions of the native Christians exceed those of the previous year by Rs. 270. These are encouraging results for which we praise the Lord, by whose help they have been achieved. Nor has there been an increase merely in numbers. From nearly every church comes the gratifying intelligence that the members are making a steady, though apparently slow, progress, in intelligence, piety and independence. The stated preaching of the word; the influence of Christian schools; the distribution of religious books and tracts, all are combin

ing to help raise up an intelligent and spiritual Christian community. Although still insignificant in size, as compared with the mass of Hindus, the native church in places where she has been established, is already exerting a power for good, and her pure spiritual worship combined with the unity and brotherly love of her members, is a constant rebuke to the idolatry and caste-distinctions of the heathen.

We give the following extracts from the reports of the Missionaries and Native Pastors:

The Vellore Church report: "That greater changes than ordinary occurred in the congregation this year. In February the English service which had been kept up for more than two years, was, under the advice of the Mission, discontinued. The greater part of the English-speaking people ceased, as a matter of course, to attend the Mission Church, and most of the communicants among them were transferred to other churches. Yet, quite a number of them who understood Tamil have continued to worship with us throughout the year. During 1881 four persons have been received on confession of faith. The usual services have been conducted and the congregation is in a fairly healthy and prosperous state."

Kandipatur and *Sekadoo Churches* report: "The inhabitants of these villages are making steady, though it may be somewhat slow progress in knowledge and faith, as well as in respectability. In several of the older villages the change which has been effected for the better is marked and unmistakable; and as we look back twenty years we wonder at the improvement which Christian knowledge and discipline have wrought in many within this short period. The newer villages, though less advanced, are on the same track, and we find much reason for encouragement in this branch of our work. The subject of Pastoral support has been kept prominently before the people; and allowing for their great poverty we may say that fair contributions, the most of them in kind, have been made by them for this important object."

The native pastor of the *Kattupadi Church* writes as follows: "The Kattupadi Church was organized in 1863 by

Revd. Messrs. W. W. and E. C. Scudder. It was the first village church in North Arcot. At that time there were in it only three families numbering twelve persons; and a school of five scholars. The services were then held in a tent. Now all is changed. Near the end of 1878 Rev. J. W. Scudder, in one day, baptized 314 adults and infants; of whom 200 were admitted to the communion. Mark the contrast! In 1863, there were 3 families; now there are 153. Then there were in all 12 Christians; now there are 576. Then there was one communicant, now there are 217. Then there were 5 pupils, now there are 157. Then the yearly contributions amounted to 6 annas; now to 63 rupees. Then one member of the congregation only could read; now, including school children, more than 200. Thanks be to God for having caused this church so to increase."

Of the *Arcot* and *Yehamur Churches* Pastor Moses Nathaniel reports: "It is a sad thing that the churches are smaller this year than last. This is because some of the Mission Agents were transferred to other places, and some families belonging to these churches had to go to other villages on account of their livelihood. The Station has suffered much in the absence of a resident missionary. We are glad to learn that Rev. Dr. Hekhius will soon be sent here. The churches cherish among themselves the creditable desire of supporting their pastors. With this object in view a 'Pastor Fund' was established this year in the villages. The church members have contributed according to their ability. Four persons were admitted as communicants to the Yehamur Church during the year on confession of their faith."

The *Coonoor Church* has enjoyed continued prosperity; a prosperity which is due very largely to the hearty co-operation of all concerned in it. The Catechist has done his work faithfully and well. The Elders, not content to be mere figure-heads, have labored piously and zealously for its wealth and advancement. The members have, in general, proved their interest by their attendance at Divine services, and their orderly walk and conversation. And the best of all, the European residents of Coonoor have continued to meet from

time to time with the congregation and to encourage their native brethren both by precept and example. The result is, a prosperous and united church. Three members have been added on confession and 46 on certificate. The total membership is 345, the largest number the church has ever had. The members have contributed during the year Rs. 548 ($274) for religious and benevolent purposes. This has been sufficient to meet the Catechist's salary and all the incidental expenses of the church. The congregation has, therefore, been self-supporting."

Of the church of *Madnapalle*, Dr. Chamberlain is "privileged" to report another year of steady growth. The number of communicants has increased by more than 80 per cent. No new centres have been opened; but in addition to the 163 persons in nine villages who were asking to be received under Christian instruction last year, 147 persons, residing in four different villages, have during this year offered to give up their idols and abjure all heathenish practices, if we would receive them and teach them about Christ Jesus. I rejoice that the way seems open for me to receive these villages. In the villages already received there has been noticeable progress.

In *Obulreddipalle* the little congregation has increased from four to fourteen families. A school has been opened, and the children and young men are learning to read.

In *Nalcheruvupalle*, on a recent Sunday, I baptized and received into the Church 14 of those formerly heathen, and in an adjacent village 7 more were baptized.

The *Palamanair Church* reports "no increase of communicants; but the congregation has increased by accessions from heathenism. One young man of high caste was baptized on a recent Sunday."

Chittoor and *Kottapalli*.—"The Sabbath services are conducted regularly as usual. At the close of the morning service the Heidelberg Catechism is taught. The Word of God preached is listened to eagerly by both Christians and heathen. The church members are warm in some places

and cold in others. Some with honest heart bear witness for Christ; others deny him. Some shine as lights, holding the Word of Life; others are in the dark. Some believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and wait earnestly for His coming; others are deplorably careless. Six persons have been added to the Church on confession of faith."

Arnee, Vellambee, Marutuvambadi.—Rev. Z. John reports: "With the exception of one man all the church members have behaved well. Two grown-up girls at Vallambi have expressed their desire to become communicants. Their youthful piety cannot fail to be productive of good. Though the people are mostly illiterate they gladly and eagerly listen to the Gospel truth. They have shown that they love Jesus, and that they care for the salvation of their souls. With the exception of one, they all have contributed liberally, though they are poor, to the Pastor's Fund."

The missionary in charge of the eight churches of *Tindivanam, Orattur, Narasinganur, Kolapakam, Varikkal, Gnaodiam, Sattambadi* and *Alliendal* reports as follows: "So far as growth of church membership is concerned, the year 1881 has been the most prosperous that these churches have ever experienced. Two hundred and forty-two persons—133 adults and 109 children—have been baptized and received into church fellowship; the number of communicants has increased by 110, and the baptized non-communicants by 244. All the churches have received members on confession, and four of them have admitted 35, 17, 14 and 14 persons respectively. The remaining four churches have received 8, 7, 6 and 5 members respectively—the total number thus being 103. The members of the churches are also making advance socially and spiritually.

"This is evident from their more regular attendance on church services; their desire to have their children educated, and their wish to be independent of others' support. They care less and less for heathen and Romish ceremonies, and more and more relish the pure and simple worship of Christianity. They begin their sowing and reaping, as well as

other important duties, with prayer, and by their improved conduct show that they are making progress in the Divine Life. The question of self-support has been pressed upon the Christians with much earnestness and with favorable results. Catechists and teachers have given part of their small salaries; farmers have brought the first fruits of their scanty harvests; women have given their weekly collection of rice and other grains; poor widows have put in their mite; and even the children have contributed what they could."

Personal.—In the middle of the year Rev. Dr. Chamberlain became seriously ill, and was obliged to take a voyage to Australia. After an absence of four months he has returned sufficiently recovered in health to enable him to resume his work. We praise God for sparing to us the valuable services of this esteemed brother.

Rev. Mr. Conklin, whose arrival in March last cheered us all, has, we regret to state, been laid aside by illness since September 1st. He and his wife are now on the Neilgherry Hills, and both are becoming benefited by the change.

Just as this report is being prepared, we have had the joy of welcoming Rev. Dr. Hekhuis, who has reached us in good health. With this additional reinforcement we feel strong again. Thanks be to our covenant God for His goodness to us.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. WYCKOFF, *Stated Clerk.*

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.

Your Committee respectfully report, that reports have been placed in our hands from all the Consistories in Classis. From the statements which have thus come to us, we are obliged to lament a prevailing spiritual dearth. The highest number received on confession is sixteen, by the First Church of Claverack. In temporalities the churches seem prosperous. We meet with prayer and zeal to seek an awakening of spiritual life among our people. We labor in hope that the seed sown

will in God's own time bring forth fruit to the glory of His name.

The following items have been gleaned from the Consistorial reports :

Church of Hudson. Although there has been no marked awakening, the work has gone on under favorable circumstances. The means of grace have been well sustained, and the future is full of hope as to the harvest.

First, Claverack. Only the statistical report has been received ; but this is encouraging, as it indicates that sixteen have been received on confession and two on certificate.

Second, Claverack. The services of the House of God have been well attended. Two prayer-meetings and two Sabbath-schools have been maintained. Our people have manifested a degree of stability in the use of the means of grace and in the promulgation of Scriptural truth, which indicates a healthful spiritual state.

Upper Red Hook. The advances in spiritual growth have been less than might have been attained. In liberality, however, there has been no falling off. The entire amount of indebtedness on the parsonage has been pledged.

Taghkanic rejoices in a good degree of spiritual life ; also, under the grace and providence of God, in the erection of a house of worship, at a cost of over $7,500, and in the dedication of the same without indebtedness. The Consistory has ordered the change of the corporate name of the church from Taghkanic to West Copake.

Gallatin. We rejoice that we have good reasons to believe that all contentions are matters of the past. All things considered, there has existed a good degree of spirituality in the Church, shown in the good attendance upon the services of the house of worship. Gratification is expressed at the settlement of a pastor.

Greenport alludes to the withdrawal of its pastor from active service on account of ill-health ; but the pulpit has been supplied, and the usual work of the Church has gone on. No abatement of Sabbath-school interest is specially mentioned.

Germantown. The Holy Comforter has been graciously present to console and cause affliction to yield the peaceable fruits of righteousness. During the last half of the year there has been an increased religious interest.

Livingston. In consequence of the death of our pastor, the church has been without a pastor for the past year.

Linlithgo. While the Word has been faithfully observed, yet our spiritual life does not manifest itself vigorously. We desire those saved to have zeal according to knowledge. To this end we are in labors more abundant.

The following changes have taken place: The pastoral relation has been dissolved between Rev. De Witt B. Wyckoff and the church of Gallatin, and Rev. Wm. N. Todd has been called and installed in his place. Rev. C. Blauvelt has been removed by death from the pastorate of the Livingston church at Linlithgo. The First Church of Claverack has, also, been rendered vacant by the death of its pastor, Rev. J. W. Schenck.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. SEBRING, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.

The Committee on the State of Religion respectfully present the following:

Reports have been received from all the churches of the Classis except Lyonville.

The Church of Bloomingdale has enjoyed a year of peace and prosperity. Encouraging additions have been made to the membership, and more are looked for in the near future. The church property has been repaired and is now in good condition.

The Church of the Clove reports a degree of interest in the Sabbath school work, and in all the ordinary services of the church, fully equal to former years. Some fruit has been gathered, and a considerable net gain in the membership realized.

The Church of Dashville Falls became vacant in August last by the removal of the pastor, Rev. Wm. N. Todd, to another field of labor; since which time the pulpit has been regularly

supplied by Rev. A. Westveer, of Rosendale. There is no special interest to report. The year has been one of sowing rather than reaping. The Sabbath School has been continued throughout the year, and the youths in attendance have been faithfully instructed.

The Church of Guilford acknowledges with gratitude the continued favor of the great Head of the Church. The Sabbath-school work has been distinguished by increasing zeal and enterprise. The cause of Temperance has also engaged the attention of the people.

The Church at Hurley has enjoyed a year of quiet growth. Besides the annual expenses, which have been easily met, a small debt has been paid and improvements have been made to the property. The Sunday-school Library has also been largely increased. Sorrowful record is made of the early death of the pastor's wife, whose life had been made bright with works expressive of Christian faith and love.

The Second Church of Kingston reports a lack of any unusual religious interest, such as was enjoyed a year ago. The Sunday-school, however, exhibits an encouraging measure of prosperity, in growth and efficiency, giving a hopeful outlook for the future.

The Church of Krumville regards its present condition, both temporally and spiritually, as better than for ten years past. It feels assured that the great Shepherd is in the midst. The membership are a unit in action, and Christian affection seems to pervade every heart.

The Church of Marbletown reports that as a result of waiting upon the Lord by appointed ways, there seems to be a deepening piety among the membership and an earnest attention on the part of all the congregation; but there has been no extensive ingathering from the world. The Sabbath-school is carefully and faithfully instructed. The temporalities of the Church are prosperous, a debt of some standing having been considerably reduced, with a prospect of entire liquidation during the year.

The North Church of Marbletown remains in much the same condition as reported a year ago. The preaching of the Gospel seems to be highly appreciated. The Sabbath-school is faithfully sustained during a part of the year, but suspended during the

winter. The temporalities of the Church are faithfully provided for, and peace and harmony reign among the people.

The Church of New Paltz has been afflicted in the protracted illness of its pastor and his final resignation in December last, which under the circumstances the consistory felt constrained to accept. His labors are greatly missed among the people, who follow him in his retirement with their sympathies and prayers. Notwithstanding this deprivation, however, the means of grace have been continued. The pulpit has been regularly and acceptably supplied—first by Mr. Venema, a student in the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, and for the past several months by the Rev. J. F. Harris. The Consistory are thankful to be able to state that they have another pastor in view in the person of Mr. Venema, who spent his entire vacation with the Church last summer, and whose labors among the people at that time gave general satisfaction.

The Church of Rochester has enjoyed a prosperous year, though there is but little of special note to report. The Sabbath-schools are engaged in active service, and the whole work moves on. While there have not been as large accessions as in some years, still the evidences of the Holy Spirit's presence are not wanting.

The Church at Rosendale reports that perfect peace and harmony have reigned throughout the year. In doing the work of the Church only unity of purpose and cheerfulness of disposition have characterized the workers. A parsonage has been completed, and subscriptions made toward meeting the expense. The vice of intemperance, which is the great barrier to the progress of the Church in Rosendale, has been successfully attacked. The Church and the community are in fact enjoying a temperance revival.

The Church of St. Remy was called to part with its pastor, the Rev. Wm. N. Todd, last summer; but since October 23d regular pulpit ministrations have been enjoyed by the engagement of the Rev. Eugene Hill as stated supply. The services are well attended, and every thing betokens a prosperous future.

In a general review of the Churches of the Classis there is cause for thankfulness in a fair degree of prosperity and pro-

gress. There is also, on the other hand, cause for regret and humiliation that the aggressive force of the Kingdom of Christ has not been more signally exhibited. While encouraging signs of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit are seen to a greater or less degree in perhaps all our churches, there has been nothing in any one of them which can be characterized as a revival interest. This comparative unfruitfulness one cannot but deplore. Let us endeavor also to learn therefrom a lesson of new consecration and fresh earnestness in the work which the Master gives us to do.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.—The pastoral relation between the Rev. Wm. N. Todd, and the Churches of Dashville Falls and St. Remy, has been dissolved, and Mr. Todd has been dismissed to the Classis of Hudson. The Rev. D. B. Wyckoff has been installed pastor of the Church at Hurley. The Rev. Eugene Hill, after due examination, has been ordained to the ministry and installed pastor of the Church at Bloomingdale. The Rev. Philip Peltz has been dismissed from the Church at New Paltz, on account of his increasing infirmities, and declared emeritus, at his own request.

Mr. George Le Fevre, after due examination, has been licensed to preach the Gospel, and taken under the care of Classis as a candidate for the ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. DEMAREST, JR., *Chairman Com.*

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

In addition to the statistical report, your Committee note the following facts of interest in connection with the churches of our Classis :

The First Church of Jamaica reports temporal prosperity. A deficit of the preceding year has been paid. Collections have been taken for all the Boards and Funds of the Church. There has been no special spiritual interest.

Newtown reports an addition of 12 upon confession and 1 by letter. The church has been the recipient of two valuable gifts —one of real estate adjoining the church property, and the other, $5,000 in cash.

The Church at Oyster Bay has established a flourishing mission at the village of Glenwood, which bids fair to develop into a full-fledged church.

North Hempstead, being without a pastor, sends only an imperfect report.

Williamsburgh sends only a statistic report.

First, Astoria, has had an addition of 25 members—22 upon confession and 3 by letter—the largest addition since 1877. There is missionary interest, harmony, a growing Sunday-school, and general activity.

Flushing reports divine blessing and harmony.

Greenpoint has received into its communion 23 members—18 upon confession of faith and 5 by letter. Sabbath congregations have increased, and a successful mission school has been established in a destitute part of the city.

South Bushwick reports an addition to its membership of 34—19 on confession and 15 by letter. A new and beautiful Sunday-school building has been completed and dedicated.

Second, Astoria, has had a year of hard work; but God has been with them, and, looking into the future, they take courage.

East Williamsburgh has been passing through a period of darkness and trial, but there are brighter hopes for the future.

Queens writes: "We have had sufficient prosperity to keep us encouraged. There is an excellent feeling of religious interest. We thank God and take courage. Queens contributes the largest amount for religious and benevolent purposes of any church in our Classis.

St. Peter's German Evangelical of Brooklyn records a reduction of its mortgage debt, the raising of nearly $700 towards the purchase of a new organ, and other blessings.

Sayville reports nothing of special importance.

Locust Valley writes of increased attendance upon the services of the church, and also of increased benevolence.

College Point rejoices in a new chapel, the gift of Charles de Neufville.

Laurel Hill makes no report.

First, Long Island City, reports progress.

Bushwick reports an addition of 72 to its communion—making a total addition of 285 during the past four years.

Second, Jamaica, records the addition to its communion of 53 members, largely increased contributions, and encouraging prospects.

It will be seen from the statistical report that the general condition of the majority of our churches is encouraging. Beyond this there seems to be no necessity for special comment.

During the past year the following ministerial changes have occurred: The Rev. Emanuel Shults has been dismissed to the Presbytery of Chicago; the pastoral relation between the Rev. William Stevenson and the Church of North Hempstead has been dissolved, and Brother Stevenson dismissed to the Presbytery of New York; the pastoral relation between the Rev. William Ferris and the Church of East Williamsburgh has been dissolved; the Rev. Henry Frech has been installed pastor of the German Evangelical Church of Jamaica; the Rev. James B. Wilson has been received from the Classis of Monmouth; the Rev. Abram I. Martine has been received from the Classis of Philadelphia, and is to be installed pastor of the Reformed Church of North Hempstead on the 18th day of May, 1882.

A church has been organized at Jericho, consisting of 13 members, with good hopes for the future.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY A. POWELL, *Chairman.*

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

Your committee on the State of Religion have examined the consistorial reports, and would submit the following report:

We rejoice to find that God has glorified His son, Jesus, by adding to His church such as shall be saved. By His grace the regular worship and service of God has been maintained; and the spirit of unity, peace and good will reign in every congregation. The reports show, that a spirit of large and systematic benevolence is characteristic of the whole according to their several ability. Several churches report both temporal and spiritual prosperity; while in others there is much to encourage, though no special increase.

The Church at Flatbush reports:

In reviewing the history of our Church for the past year, we begin with praise. God has been gracious in the continued blessings of His providence, and in our trials revealed Himself in all Fatherly tenderness.

They report a year of uniform growth, and the continued development of a healthy Church life. With unbroken regularity all the appointed services have been maintained. The attendance upon the public services of the Church has never been larger than at the present, both on the Lord's day and in the weekly services.

The Sunday Schools receive special attention, being under the direct supervision and control of the pastor and elders of the Church. With an efficient and earnest body of teachers and officers, whose zeal and faithfulness is especially referred to, they necessarily prosper.

During the year six have united with the Church from the Sunday School.

The mission work in charge of Rev. C. S. Wright, who has labored with devoted zeal, is in a prosperous condition. So is the Sunday School connected with it, under the superintending care of Mrs. G. L. Vanderbilt and an efficient number of teachers.

The Ladies' Tract Society of the Church continues to distribute tracts throughout the community.

In their benevolence, every cause recommended by General Synod has been remembered, besides others deemed worthy. A special contribution of $1,500 was made toward the debt of the Board of Foreign Missions last year.

Six who were in fellowship with them have gone to their rest.

This report closes with thanksgiving to God, who is with them, and in whom they hope for the future.

New Utrecht has no special religious interest to report. But the regular services of the Church have been sustained and enjoyed. The spirit of God has been manifest in the hearts of the people, and many have shown much zeal and earnestness in the discharge of their obligations as the servants of the Lord

Jesus Christ. Their contributions to religious and benevolent purposes amounts to $626.34.

Gravesend reports an increase of attendance on the Lord's day services, a decided gain in the direction of healthy Church life; great hope for the future.

Flatlands reports nothiug of unusual nature. The Church services are regularly attended, Sabbath schools well organized and efficiently conducted. Their state not a discouraging one, but they greatly desire a revival of religion among old and young. They receive four on confession and two on certificate.

The Church at *New Lots* reports: We have enjoyed a fair degree of temporal and spiritual prosperity. A monthly missionary concert has been held one Sunday evening in the month, which has greatly increased our contributions for the Board of Foreign Missions.

East New York reports: The year just closing has been one of quiet, constant labor, and we devoutly give thanks to the great head of the Church that our labor has not been altogether in vain. There has been no unusual interest manifested among our people. The regular means of grace have been observed and enjoyed. Sunday morning service has been marked by an increased attendance, but our Sunday evening service is not a success. Weekly prayer meeting is well attended and a good spirit prevails.

There is a growing interest with all our people in the matter of benevolence. The ladies of the Church have taken upon themselves to educate a young Christian Chinaman, in China, for the gospel ministry among his own countrymen.

Peace and harmony prevail in our congregation, and the Sabbath school is prosperous.

South Brooklyn reports: The prospects of our Church are more encouraging this Spring than they have been for several years. The audiences at divine worship have materially increased. Our Sunday school is growing and a healthful tone is manifested among all.

Middle Brooklyn reports: While we have had no special awakening there has been a steady and healthful activity. The Sabbath services, especially during the last six months, have been well attended.

The Sunday school is well organized and has increased in numbers; this is due in part to a deeper interest on the part of the teachers in the preparation for teaching. At their request the pastor meets them every Saturday afternoon for the exposition of the lesson. Of late the Friday evening prayer meeting has been better attended, and the young people's prayer meeting on Tuesday evening is continued with well-sustained interest. At the last communion five were received upon confession of faith.

Twelfth Street reports: Our statistical report reveals our real progress in Church work; with thankful acknowledgement of the goodness of God we can say that our condition is one of substantial prosperity. The year closes with the manifestation of the presence of the Holy Spirit in converting power. Our Sunday congregations are large, morning and evening, and the Sunday schools and weekly meeting for prayer all give evidence of increased spiritual interest. A very precious harvest was gathered from the Sunday school at our last communion, and our expectation is that from this large band of youth there will be constant additions to the Church.

North Brooklyn reports: With thankfulness to God, that, they have had a year of constant growth in spiritual life, and an even flow of heavenly blessing in every department of the life and work of the Church.

Church on the Heights reports: The year has been one of quiet, earnest, united effort in the service of the Master. It has not been a time of large ingathering, but some have found Christ, and the people of God have enjoyed and been profited by the usual means of grace. The attendance, both upon the Sunday services and the prayer-meeting, has steadily increased through the winter months.

The Sunday-school work, including regular instruction in the Catechism, has been faithfully carried forward under an efficient Superintendent and a competent and developed corps of teachers.

The decrease in the number of families as compared with last year's report is apparent rather than real. And a spirit of entire harmony and good feeling prevails in the Chureh; and our faces are set towards the future with courage and faith. The

measurable prosperity of the past year will be greatly increased, as is confidently believed, in the year before us.

The congregations at *Bethany* are larger than at any other time during the last six years. The missionary society conected with the Sunday-school contributed $475 to missionary and other benevolent purposes. The congregation gave in the collections for congregational purposes $316.81, and the teachers and officers, congregation and Sunday-school raised $550, which was spent in alterations and improvements at Bethany Chapel.

New Brooklyn reports prosperity. Attendance and membership in Church and Sunday-school increasing—so much so, that the church building is to be enlarged. Help us, brethren, with your prayers and your sympathy.

Bedford Reformed Church reports: The past year will ever be memorable in the history of our Church. A new pastor was settled, and we have become the purchasers of, instead of tenants, of our church building. We have passed through very severe trials, but in all things we have reason to give thanks.

In temporal matters we have been greatly blessed; we were compelled either to buy the Church or dissolve, and after much prayer and consultation we agreed to purchase the building on the most favorable terms, which were $47,064.90, $2,064.90 of which was to be paid September 1st, 1881, and $2,500 on December 31st, 1881, and $2,500 on December 31st, 1882, during which time we were to pay $100 rent a month, instead of interest. Our part of the contract has been carefully fulfilled. Our income from pews and collections have been more than doubled, and there is every prospect of soon becoming free from debt and a strong Church in the denomination.

Our position is in the centre of the most growing and thriving part of Brooklyn, and our opportunities are unequaled for growth and development.

Concerning the spiritual interest, we report special blessings. Fifty-six have been added to the Church—30 on confession of faith and 26 on certificate. Seven adults have been baptized; some were far advanced in life.

Preaching services have been regularly sustained twice each Sunday, and we held services during four weeks—five services a week. All services were well attended, the interest is still

deepening, and while many are considering their relation to God, others are hopefully converted, and are only waiting to unite with the people of God.

We hand in this report with thanks—for the little we have to show—thanks to the kind friends who have helped us so kindly, and with thanks to the gracious Head of the Church, who hath heard our prayers, and seen our tears, and hath given us the signs of His favor.

Second Flatbush, reports: Our Church has lost much last year by the departure of the former pastor. But concerning the congregation at large there is much left to be desired; a small number maintain a high spiritual standard. Our congregation is now increasing again somewhat, and we have hopes that it will do so more in future.

Our Sunday-school has been enlarging constantly, and there are many children to be brought in yet. May the Lord grant that we may, in another year, be able to make a more favorable statement.

Church at Canarsie reports: We have reason to praise the Lord for that grace and mercy which He has shown to us during the past year. Onr little flock has thus been preserved in peace and harmony. Especially are we thankful that the Word of God is preached amongst us in its purity, and although we cannot say that anything like a revival has been amongst us, we have eight persons in our Church that we hope to take in at our next communion. We took in only two through the year.

Our services in the Church consist in one sermon on the Lord's day, a monthly mission meeting, and a weekly prayer-meeting for our youth, during which we give catechetical instruction. We have also a good Sunday-school.

The following ministerial changes have occurred during the past year: Rev. H. A. Friedel was dismissed to the Classis of Lancaster, Reformed Church of the United States; Rev. A. J. Hutton was received from the Presbytery of Binghampton and Rev. C. H. Schwarzbach from the Presbytery of Nassau.

Respectfully submitted,

J. WHITEHURST, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

Your Committee respectfully report that they have examined carefully the statistical records and accompanying comments received from the various churches. The year has been one of peace, unity and progress. Many of our churches have received large accessions to their membership on confession of faith, and some not thus blessed, note the fact with anxiety and earnest prayer for a deeper work of the Holy Spirit.

While the total addition to the membership is larger than for a number of years, the actual gain does not appear large because so many of the churches have revised their rolls. Our new German Church has been organized with promise of a bright future. Material advance has been made in the payment of church debts, and the benevolent contributions are encouraging. We notice with interest that our Churches rely on the steady, faithful use of the ordinary means of grace, rather than novel and startling methods—the educative rather than the spasmodic system of labor.

We gratefully acknowledge the Divine goodness to the Classis during the past year, and rejoice in the measure of prosperity which has prevailed.

The Collegiate Church reports the regular use of the means of grace in its seven places of public worship; the attendance at the morning service, in some instances, increased, the second service not so well sustained.

"The Mission and Sabbath-school work of the congregation has been prosecuted with earnestness, self-denial and zeal, and the various organizations for religious and charitable work have been maintained and managed with great liberality and assiduity." There have been many removals by death—one that of an aged and honored Elder. The small number of additions awaken anxiety on the part of the office-bearers, and they all desire to unite in fervent prayer "that the Great Head of the Church may speedily refresh this ancient congregation."

The Church at Harlem says: "We have to report a year of prosperity and progress in every department. Especially do we record, with thanksgiving, the manifested presence and power of the Holy Spirit."

The South Church "has been called to pass through great tribulation owing to the loss by death of its deeply loved pastor for twenty years, the Rev. E. P. Rogers, D.D., whose loss shook the Church to its foundations.

"With wonderful vitality it has entered upon the new era of work under its new pastor, with every indication of the presence and blessing of the Holy Spirit. Christian zeal and religious fervor have been growing steadily during the year, and every thing indicates a newness of church life, an increase of Christian labor."

Staten Island Church reports: "On the Lord's Day attendance good; prayer-meetings well maintained, and Sunday-schools in a prosperous condition. The young people have formed an Association for Christian work, which promises well.

"Our beloved and cherished pastor, who has gone in and out before this Church these forty-seven years, ministering unremittingly and conscientiously, with great acceptance, has seriously entertained the purpose of withdrawing from his pastoral labors; conscientiously thinking that the services of a younger pastor might increase the prosperity of the Church so dear to him. But on breaking this resolution to his people, he was met by such universal and earnest expressions of deprecation of such a step, and of their earnest desire to have him still continue his labors amongst them, that to the great joy of the Church he consents to still continue his pastorate with us"

Bloomingdale maintains regular Church and Sunday-school services with increased attendance and interest. The venerable pastor, Rev. Enoch Van Aken, after more than forty-five years service, retired as pastor emeritus last December. Since then, pulpit supplies have been furnished by the Advisory Committee of Classis, Rev. Dr. A. G. Vermilye, Chairman.

"Steps have been taken, which we believe will very soon relieve the Church of its present embarrassments, and place it in a good condition for influence."

Madison Avenue, says: "The past year has not been distinguished by any marked events. The attendance upon the Sabbath-school and the morning service of the Lord's Day is about the same as last year; the evening service is not well attended. Greater prominence has been given to the monthly concert for

prayer for Missions. The Ladies' Benevolent Societies flourish." We have held a number of neighborhood prayer meetings during the winter, which have been well attended, but not marked by any special religious interest. The subscriptions made to the Church debt have been mostly paid—reducing the mortgage to $40,000. We are endeavoring to remove the balance and have secured $33,000, payable in two years.

Thirty-fourth Street, says: "The past has been an 'off year' with us. We have held our own financially. Spiritually we have reason for self-reproach. The conversions have been fewer than for a long time past. Nevertheless the Word has been preached; the attendance has been good; our prayer-meetings have been interesting and instructive; the Young People's Association, the Missionary Society, and the Sabbath-school have been at work as usual. But we pray God to make us more earnest and active in faith and good works."

The German Evangelical Mission reports its spiritual condition stationary for some time, but the Holy Spirit has used the truth preached. Sixty-seven have been led to confess Christ during the year. The morning service on the Lord's Day is well attended—afternoon and evening attendance smaller. Benevolence flourishes—the members giving cheerfully and liberally to all the Church Boards and to other objects. The younger members crave somewhat, English preaching. There are also those who desire new and exciting methods in service and work. "We would rather walk in the old paths, though it may appear to some that we are not keeping pace with the so-called flourishing churches and missions. In our judgment the Church is yielding too much ground to the organizations and manœuvreings of the young and inexperienced. We therefore hesitate to comply with their wishes aud demands. We hope the Church will ere long retrace her steps and be satisfied with the simple use of the divinely appointed means of grace."

Richmond, Staten Island.—No report.

Huguenot's, S. I., reports that their esteemed pastor, the Rev. F. M. Kip, D.D., was dismissed by Classis from the care of their Church. Though without stated preaching and pastoral work some of the time, they have maintained their prayer-meetings and the Sunday-school has been well cared for. Six persons

have confessed Christ, all children of the covenant, two of them children of an esteemed brother who has recently been called to the Church above. Their financial power is small and they would apply through Classis to the Board of Domestic Missions for aid.

St. Paul's, Mott Haven, has not received large accessions to its membership, but not a communion has passed without some evidence of the presence of the Holy Spirit. Two young men, from this Zion, are about entering the last year of the seminary course. Their presence in the Church has been a blessing, and their brethren regard their future with prayerfulness and hope. "Good attendance at all our services, and a general interest and harmony are among the encouraging features of our Church work, although but little fruit has been gathered."

The Union Church, High Bridge, has passed through a year of harmony and encouraging Christian work with constant evidence of the Spirit's presence. There have been few additions to the membership, although attendance on all the services of the Lord's Day has been good. The weekly prayer-meeting is not so generally attended, but the office-bearers and some of the members heartily sustain and nourish this important part of the Church's life. The Woman's Board of Missions contributes largely and is deeply interested in the work of Foreign Missions.

The Fourth German reports the steady use of the ordinary means of grace with most encouraging results; increased attendance at all services deepened Spirituality and large additions to the membership on confession of faith. The Sunday-school is in a prosperous condition. "Consistory has just taken steps to remove, between now and next year, a remaining debt on the Church building; and, if the Lord will further bless us, we hope to be able to report by next year the Church self-sustaining."

Prospect Hill has enjoyed a year of quiet and progressive Church life. "An encouraging advance has been made in the attendance on the public services and in the number of members in full communion. The Sabbath-school is large and well served. Through it much evangelistic work is done in our neighborhood; and increasing effort is made to interest the children in missionary work at home and among the heathen."

The Holland Church rejoices in growing spirituality; a good attendance upon the services of the Lord's Day; increase in membership; unity and brotherly love tenderly manifested in outward tokens to the Pastor on his last birthday. A great part of her work is outside her parish limits. It consists "in taking care of the many thousands of Hollanders who pass through our city to the Far West, whom she aids, directs, advises and helps in every good way, temporal and spiritual; and while the prospect is, that the emigration from the Netherlands will be much larger this year than ever before, the Church feels confident that the good Master has destined her for a great and good work in this city. She can say with the Apostle Paul: 'By the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace, which was bestowed upon me, was not in vain.'"

Brookfield, Conn.—No report.

The Avenue B. and Fifth Street German Evang. Church, "reports a very prosperous year under the Divine blessing. We had a very large number received as members to our Church; the attendance upon the services of the Sanctuary was large during the whole year; a tender, religious feeling is manifested, and many have asked spiritual advice. We have great cause to thank the Head of the Church for His blessing bestowed upon us. Our Sunday-school is in a prosperous condition and well attended."

Brighton Heights sends the following cheerful message provoking to emulation:

"*Financial*—The sum of ten thousand dollars has been raised in our congregation during the past year, in addition to our regular Church income—which amount has been expended in building and furnishing a new Sunday-school and Lecture-room, and also in repairing and refurnishing the Church. We have now a most complete church establishment without any debt upon it. The pastor's salary has also been raised from two to three thousand dollars.

"*Spiritual*—A deep interest pervades many of our Church members, and a goodly number have been added to our communion, with more to follow. We are profoundly thankful to the Great Head of the Church for all our blessings, both material and spiritual."

Union, Sixth Avenue, "gratefully acknowledges the goodness of God in an awakened interest among the people for spiritual things. The hand of God by affliction has dealt sorely with us. We have lost through death an honored and beloved Elder, whose attachment to the Church was very strong. There is a growing interest in the Sabbath-school and an increased attendance on the mid-week services of the Church. We feel called upon to acknowledge the Christian fellowship and helpfulness of the Mother Church."

Norfolk Street, German, simply says: "The congregation is in a good, Christian condition." The addition by confession of faith during the year, as shown by the statistics, was forty-seven —a most forcible commentary on this laconic, but inspiring report.

The Church at Mattoux and Amelia Court House sends no report to your committee.

The following changes have taken place during the year:

The Rev. George H. Smyth has been installed over the Church in Harlem, and the Rev. Roderick Terry over the South Church. The Rev. Enoch Van Aken, of the Bloomingdale Church, has been declared *emeritus*. The Rev. Dr. Rogers has been removed by death.

The candidate, Mr. Oliver H. Walser, has been transferred to the Classis of Passaic.

In conclusion, your Committee would respectfully call the attention of Classis to the need of plainer and stricter rules and directions concerning the statistical reports. Statistics to be of any use must aim at absolute accuracy. The failure of some of our churches to comply with the injunctions of General Synod, in this regard, diminishes their influence for good, dampens the ardor of the pains-taking and loyal, and robs the Classis of New York of its legitimate place and power in our denomination and before the world. We believe that the statistical columns should be all filled, and that the roll of membership, especially, should be accurate. The books should balance. The influences governing the other columns of our schedule vary, but the rules regulating the roll of membership are constant and precise. If a Church returns eighty members last year, has added twenty during the year, and ten have been dismissed, suspended, or

have died, that Church should return ninety members this year —not ninety-one nor eighty-nine—except where the roll has been revised, which fact should be stated distinctly in the report. Otherwise, statistics are simply false witnesses, and time devoted to them is thrown away. We also urge Classis to enjoin the Consistories to be more prompt in sending in the reports before the Spring Meeting.

E. A. REED,

Chairman.

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.

Your committee on the state of Religion would respectfully state:

That our Churches report peace and prosperity throughout our borders. No mention is made of the special power of the Holy Spirit in the conversion of sinners in large numbers, though several Churches report encouraging additions to their membership. Sabbath schools are in a flourishing condition, and the instruction of the youth is almost entirely confined to these, the old mode of catechetical and biblical instruction by the pastor being a thing of the past. Prayer meetings receive occasional mention as well attended and filled with an excellent spirit The Churches have generally maintained their benevolent contributions, and in a few instances there has been a commendable enlargement. A commendable Christian walk has been the rule, as only two cases of suspension are reported. We wish we could speak of greater evidences of fidelity to Christ, in the larger number added to the Church, and in greater liberality in carrying on His work in the world.

The following changes have occurred: Rev. J. Halstead Carroll has been dismissed from the Church of Newburgh; Rev. Edward W. Bentley, D. D., has been dismissed from the Church of Ellenville; Rev. Goodloe B. Bell has been dismissed from the Church of Wawarsing; Rev. George D. Lydecker has been dismissed from the Church of Bloomingburgh, and the Rev. Cyril Spaulding has been dismissed from the Church of Shawangunk.

Rev. Henry Morris, an emeritus minister, long a member of

this classis and greatly endeared to all who knew him, a man of fine scholarship, of an excellent spirit and of a devoted heart, has done with earth and gone home to heaven. The memory of the just is blessed.

Respectfully submitted,

F. L. SCHENCK, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

Your committee would respectfully report that the state of religion within our bounds is described in the ninth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles: "Then had the Churches rest throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied."

The accessions on confession of faith are more numerous than last year, and the contributions to benevolent objects have been larger.

While none of the Churches have enjoyed a marked revival, almost all present gratifying reports.

First, Poughkeepsie, says: "Although the Church has not been visited with a revival, the Lord has been pleased to bless it with uninterrupted peace, with a growing spirit of Christian fellowship, with an addition to its membership that is encouraging."

Second, Poughkeepsie, says: "Consistory makes its report to Classis under the shadow of a great bereavement. Dr. E. L. Beadle, who for nearly eighteen years has been a faithful and beloved member, an elder who in the truest and largest sense of the word 'ruled well,' one of the most generous supporters of the Church and its charities, and one of its most active and influential friends, has been called to his rest and reward. His loss is felt to be irreparable. His undying memory and example are our precious legacy. Our report in other respects must be the same as in past years."

Hopewell, says: "There has been no unusual awakening. Still we are encouraged by five hopeful conversions."

New Hackensack, reports: "We have been prosperous temporally. The services has been regularly maintained, and the attendance has been above the average of former years."

Hyde Park, says: "The strength of the congregation has been seriously impaired by the removal of several of our most useful families. We note with thankfulness the uniformly good attendance at the Sunday services, the manifest interest in the preaching of the Word, and the harmony which prevails."

Fishkill-on-Hudson, reports: "The accessions to our numbers on confession have not been large, yet they have been of the most gratifying and encouraging character."

Rhinebeck, says: "We are glad to note since last report a larger addition to the Church on confession of faith. The attendance at Sabbath and week-day services is very good, being an increase on last year."

Glenham, reports: "We have not been left without indications of the Spirit's presence; some have been awakened. The ordinances of the sanctuary have been regularly maintained. The Sabbath-school has been prosperous."

Millbrook, says: "We have reasons for thanking God that He has not left us without a seal of His presence. While losses by death and dismissions have been five, additions have amounted to eleven, making a net gain of six. Others are not far from the kingdom of God, and may soon be expected to join themselves with His people."

Millbrook was without a pastor for nearly half the year past.

The Rev. J. Edward Lyall has been received from the Classis of New Brunswick, and installed pastor of the Church of Millbrook. We report with sorrow that our brother, Rev. H. N. Cobb has been laid aside from the work by ill-health. We heartily sympathize with him in his affliction, and earnestly pray for his speedy recovery.

CHAS. W. FRITTS, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.

The committee upon the state of Religion would report that statistics have been received from all the Churches except that of Hastings.

From the statements and the remarks, which are appended to some, we gather that the year has been one of average prosperity. No great degree of religious interest has been manifested anywhere, although the reports show rather more

than usual interest in the Churches at Bronxville, Fordham and in the two Tarrytown churches.

We subjoin in whole or in part some of the remarks upon the condition of the individual churches.

Bronxville. The year has been one of quiet but blessed prosperity. From the scattered and thinly-settled neighborhood there have been twelve (12) added to the church. The pastor has met and taught his class of twenty-eight children every week in the year, and it has proved a most blessed feeder of the Church's increase and life. A children's mission band has supported a scholar through the year in one of the mission schools of Japan, and have sent three of the New York street waifs to homes in the West through the N. Y. Children's Aid Society. The mission at Union Corners has been faithfully maintained. The pastor has felt the call to another field of labor to be the call of God, and it is with deep, sincere, and mutual regret and sorrow, on the part of both pastor and people, that the close ties which have bound them must now be broken. During the ministry of the present pastor thirty-two have been added to the Church by confession and forty-one in all. Our Church numbered something over fifty when he came, he leaves it with a membership of ninety-six.

Fordham. The statistics evidence a very encouraging degree of spiritual and temporal prosperity. The Lord has blessed the word and ordinances in developing an enlarged spirit of benevolence, and in the conversion of souls, and in a spirit of piety pervading the whole congregation. We report more conversions than in any year of the present pastorate. Our benevolent contributions have nearly quadrupled during the year. This is largely due to the efforts of the Ladies' Missionary Society, organized last year in our congregation.

Our Sabbath school was never in a more prosperous state, increasing in numbers and interest; chiefly out of this nursery of the Church the new converts have come. A young people's prayer meeting has been begun and sustained. Our severest loss has been felt in the death of a valuable elder, a devout, godly man, and liberal contributor in temporal support.

Melrose. This has been a year of hard struggles, and sometimes we were nearly discouraged with regard to our temporal

things. Assessments, interest and repairs have drawn upon our resources heavily. Yet, we have a good prospect for the future; many strangers are to be seen every Sabbath at our meetings. Our Sunday school is increasing, twenty-seven have been received from it during the year.

Mt. Vernon. The statistics show a gratifying and substantial growth. The Church is now ministering to a large number of families, filling our building to its capacity. We have made a decided advance in contributions for congregational purposes of nearly $750 over last year. We are glad to note the fact that our floating debt has been cleared off, and a large sum subscribed for a new Church organ. But we have to mourn that the conversions have been few for a Church of our size, and we pray earnestly for a harvest of souls.

Tarrytown, First. Our figures show an addition of fourteen by confession during the year, as well as others by certificate. Since the first of January a more than usual degree of interest has been manifest, and we are hoping to again receive quite a large increase at our next communion. Our Sunday school was never so large as it is to-day; a good spirit pervades it and we believe it is doing good work. A young men's prayer meeting has been started, and is well sustained.

Yonkers. As usual our temporal affairs are in order. The people are always willing to sustain the Church. The attendance on Sabbath services grows. Some of our communion members give us occasion for anxiety, but most of them are conspicuously growing in grace, and adorning their professions with godly lives. We regret the comparatively little progress we have made in winning souls to Christ. Yet, we have not been left without witness, and for what has been given us we would be duly grateful. We long for a large outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and feel that the times call with special urgency for earnest and unceasing supplication to this end.

Tarrytown, Second. Through the Week of Prayer, and for several weeks after, there were in all the meetings encouraging indications of interest, and a number were converted, some of whom have already united with the Church, as we expect that others will at the next communion.

The number of additions during the year, amounting to twenty-four, has been largely counterbalanced by dismissals and losses by death, so that the real gain is only eight. The proportion of Church-members who have died during the year has been unusual, the number amounting to nine. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Church, and the ladies' prayer meeting have proved useful helpers in Christian work. A young men's prayer meeting, and a young ladies' prayer meeting, organized for the benefit of those just starting in their Christian course, have been well sustained and give promise of being helpful in the future. The debt of the Church has been considerably reduced during the year, and an effort is now in progress which we trust will soon enable us to rejoice that we "owe no man anything, but to love one another."

Greenville. This Church reports nothing of especial interest. During the year it has passed through peculiar difficulties, but it earnestly hopes for a better future.

Courtlandtown. There has been during the past year no special revival, but there has been a marked change in the attendance at the Church services. A greater interest has been shown in the hearing of the word by a class of persons hitherto indifferent. Four have united with the Church and there is a prospect of more to follow.

Peekskill. Efforts have been made to continue this Church as a separate organization but without decided success. Its hope is only in the prayers of God's people, and that its steps may be guided by the Lord.

Greenburg. No report.

Hastings. No report.

Unionville. Only statistical table.

JOHN K. ALLEN,
Chairman.

CLASSIS OF ARCOT.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	BAP. Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. Number of Catechumens.	C. C. & S. S. No. of S. Schools.	C. C. & S. S. Total Number of Scholars.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Religious and Benevolent Purposes. R.	A.	P.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Congregational Purposes. R.	A.	P.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Arcot,	Moses Nathanael,	31	-	3	-	2	2	32	2	-	44	16	3	109	40	14	7	66	6	11	Arcot, Madras Presidency, Ind.
Yehamur,	" "	121	8	-	-	2	5	49	19	5	250	116	6	519	-	-	-	38	11	10	" " " "
Chittoor,	Andrew Sawyer,	80	6	2	-	1	4	52	4	2	85	6	1	141	58	15	10	-	-	-	Chittoor, " " "
Kottapelli,	" "	76	-	-	-	-	1	91	4	2	92	100	-	284	46	14	7	-	-	-	" " " "
Arnee,	Zechariah John,	20	-	-	-	5	1	19	7	1	56	2	2	90	40	-	11	22	8	7	Arnee, " " "
Vellambee,	" "	33	-	3	1	2	-	40	5	-	48	18	4	33	7	8	5	35	4	7	" " " "
Marutuvambadi,	" "	12	-	-	2	1	1	19	3	-	37	-	1	9	3	14	4	5	11	4	" " " "
Madanapalle,	Jacob Chamberlain, M.D	125	24	7	-	-	-	66	14	14	98	171	6	416	61	15	-	75	3	-	Madnapalle, " " "
Palamanair,	" "	10	-	-	-	1	-	7	3	-	19	4	1	31	15	14	1	32	8	-	" " " "
Vellore,	Jared W. Scudder, M.D.	69	4	34	34	-	3	100	7	-	140	9	4	268	158	1	10	74	9	-	Vellore, " " "
Coonoor,	" "	91	3	46	6	-	6	136	16	3	200	9	1	345	255	3	-	272	14	-	" " " "
Kandipatur,	" "	86	-	3	-	-	-	106	10	-	92	56	4	324	16	2	11	15	4	-	" " " "
Sekadu,	" "	97	-	4	2	1	-	99	-	-	75	75	3	334	12	9	10	15	8	1	" " " "
Kattupadi,	Abraham William,	153	6	7	7	-	5	217	8	7	202	89	8	576	22	4	-	62	1	2	" " " "
Tindivanam,	John H. Wyckoff, (s.c.)	18	6	2	2	1	1	26	6	1	66	1	1	94	23	12	6	39	9	9	Tindivanam, " " "
Allicndal,	" "	35	8	-	2	-	-	44	8	6	55	23	2	149	4	11	-	11	13	1	" " " "
Gnanodiam,	" "	68	5	1	-	2	-	81	13	3	138	52	4	301	22	3	2	32	2	9	" " " "
Kolapakam,	" "	21	7	1	-	-	-	32	10	7	40	7	2	79	3	13	5	10	6	11	" " " "
Narasinganur,	" "	50	35	-	-	-	-	63	38	33	62	34	5	195	12	9	2	25	-	8	" " " "
Orathur,	" "	105	17	-	-	8	-	90	16	16	116	195	6	417	20	13	10	29	14	-	" " " "
Sattambadi,	" "	66	14	-	4	-	-	54	23	20	85	58	7	262	27	6	2	33	14	-	" " " "
Varikkal,	" "	47	14	-	-	-	-	19	19	23	94	16	4	186	8	12	1	18	2	11	" " " "
	Total,	1364	157	113	65	22	28	1181	225	143	2094	1057	75	5092	864	8	8	917	10	7	

Other Ministers.—John Scudder, M.D., Creston, Nebraska; John W. Conklin, Chittoor, India, in charge of Chittoor Station.

Candidate.—Paul Bailey.

A rupee is worth 50 cents.

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd On Confess'n	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Hudson,	William Smith,	226	4	5	10	-	1	474	6	- -	- - -	- - -	1	275	$1,423 07	$3,846 42	Hudson, N. Y.
First Claverack,	William J. Leggett,	128	16	2	4	-	2	254	2	10	- - -	- - -	4	190	90 77	1,890 03	Claverack, "
Second Claverack,	Arad J. Sebring,	200	2	4	4	-	1	188	3	- -	- - -	- - -	2	200	377 75	1,332 25	Mellenville, "
Linlithgo,	Thomas S. Dusinberre,	95	1	- -	4	-	2	122	4	- -	- - -	- - -	1	80	274 25	921 68	Linlithgo, "
Greenport,	John S. Himrod,	92	6	5	10	-	2	259	3	1	- - -	- - -	2	210	110 00	890 00	Hudson, "
Germantown,	James Wyckoff,	108	8	1	2	-	3	171	4	- -	- - -	- - -	1	124	70 47	1,800 00	Germantown, "
Upper Red Hook,	Ezekiel C. Scudder,	87	- -	- -	-	-	1	170	3	- -	50	- - -	1	120	475 94	1,804 54	Upper Red Hook, "
Taghkanick,	James C. Garretson,	85	- -	- -	-	-	3	109	5	- -	- - -	- - -	1	65	- - - -	8,816 76	West Copake, "
Gallatin,	William N. Todd.	77	5	2	4	-	5	162	1	2	30	- - -	1	88	145 51	643 48	Mt. Ross, "
Livingston Church [At Linlithgo.]	- - - - - - - - - -	50	- -	- -	-	-	-	52	- -	- -	- - -	- - -	1	55	70 00	307 00	Linlithgo, "
	Total,	1148	42	19	38	-	20	1956	31	13	80	- - -	15	1402	$3,037 76	$21,752 16	

Other Ministers.—Rev. Wm. D. Perry, Hudson, N. Y.; Rev. W. Henry McSeffut, Hudson, N. Y.; Polhemus Van Wyck, (s. c.,) Hudson, N. Y. Rev. Mr. Perry is a teacher, Principal of Hudson Academy.

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd On Confess'n	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Bloomingdale,	Eugene Hill,	70	6	1	4	-	6	112	11	5	54	73	1	134	$16 25	$720 25	Creek Locks, Ulster Co., N.Y.
The Clove,	Wm. H. Vroom,	150	8	9	3	-	3	243	12	1	212	75	3	290	198 02	1,634 23	High Falls, " "
Dashville Falls,	Vacant,	100	-	-	1	-	1	157	1	-	-	-	1	102	3 00	574 79	Rifton Glen, " "
Guilford,	C. E. Lasher,	100	4	-	4	-	2	96	1	-	203	85	4	174	97 52	1,273 00	Gardener, " "
Hurley,	D. B. Wyckoff,	65	14	7	1	-	3	136	4	3	85	45	1	100	169 35	1,296 69	Hurley, " "
Kingston, Second,	James Demarest, Jr.,	140	1	6	14	-	3	332	4	1	135	170	1	255	632 55	2,324 [illegible]	Kingston, " "
Krumville,	Paul T. Deyo,	53	2	-	1	-	-	85	1	1	62	40	1	90	10 50	450 00	Samsonville, " "
Lyonsville,	Vacant,	50	-	-	4	-	3	93	7	-	-	30	1	40	2 32	125 00	Lyonsville, " "
Marbletown,	V. M. Hulbert,	85	3	5	2	-	1	257	4	1	-	60	1	89	61 19	938 23	Stone Ridge, " "
Marbletown, North Ch.	V. M. Hulbert, S. S.,	56	2	-	3	-	-	115	2	1	-	50	1	80	35 18	430 03	" "
New Paltz,	Vacant,	260	8	4	5	-	6	434	18	1	355	300	8	340	513 10	2,573 78	New Paltz, " "
Rochester,	John B. Church,	142	7	3	2	-	3	176	7	2	130	60	5	360	87 00	1,230 00	Accord, " "
Rosendale,	A. Westveer,	93	5	1	1	-	-	88	2	3	40	70	1	90	103 26	1,185 00	Rosendale, " "
St. Remy,	Vacant,	36	-	-	-	3	1	77	3	-	15	40	1	75	6 00	269 44	Creek Locks, " "
		1400	60	36	45	3	32	2401	77	19	1291	1098	30	2210	$1,935 24	$15,025 37	

***Other Ministers.*—Rev. J. R. Lente, Emeritus, Washingtonville, Orange Co., N. Y.; Rev. M. F. Liebenau, Rosendale, N. Y.; Rev. J. Ferguson Harris, (s. c.,) Kingston, N. Y., supplying Church of New Paltz; Rev. Philip Peltz, D.D., Emeritus, Coeymans, N. Y.**

***Licentiate.*—George Le Fever, New Paltz, N. Y.**

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Jamaica,	Wm. H. De Hart,	151	8	1	5	-	6	283	2	1	127	- -	1	140	$602 73	$5,749 02	Jamaica, N. Y.
Newtown,	Chas. I. Shepard,	100	12	1	2	-	2	208	7	1	- -	50	3	250	318 96	3,079 26	Newtown, "
Oyster Bay,	John A. Davis,	100	9	1	*9	-	1	131	6	2	- -	- -	2	200	237 93	1,651 61	Glen Head, "
North Hempstead,	Abram I. Martine,‡	94	- -	1	6	-	-	133	- -	- -	- -	- -	2	145	37 28	1,900 00	Manhasset, "
Williamsburgh,	Elbert S. Porter,	200	13	14	2	-	2	450	8	6	- -	- -	3	800	- - - -	12,000 00	Brooklyn, E. D., "
Astoria,	M. L. Haines,	106	22	3	11	-	1	227	11	2	76	- -	1	290	659 49	4,291 99	Astoria, "
Flushing,	O. E. Cobb,	95	7	3	2	1	3	322	3	2	- -	80	1	175	405 00	3,500 00	Flushing, "
Greenpoint,	Lewis Francis,	215	18	5	11	-	4	412	9	6	- -	- -	2	791	523 25	8,921 76	143 Noble St., Brooklyn, E.D.
South Bushwick,	George D. Hulst,	120	19	15	9	-	5	231	6	7	- -	- -	1	650	70 00	5,148 93	15 Himrod St., " "
Second, Astoria,	C. D. F. Steinfuhrer,	95	19	- -	- -	- -	- -	245	30	- -	- -	20	1	180	31 00	850 00	Astoria, N. Y.
East Williamsburgh,	Vacant,	30	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	26	- -	- -	- -	29	1	80	119 11	95 92	
Queens,	Andrew Hageman,	100	6	4	4	-	1	†134	7	- -	- -	124	1	169	850 39	1,777 84	Queens, "
German Ev., Brooklyn,	John M. Wagner,	294	20	1	3	-	7	546	60	- -	- -	350	2	780	392 42	3,350 00	315 Graham Av., B'klyn, E.D.
Sayville,	G. Van Emerick,	44	- -	2	3	-	-	79	7	- -	90	16	1	90	22 79	451 69	Sayville, N. Y.
Locust Valley,	A. DeWitt Mason,	55	4	2	2	-	-	63	9	2	21	- -	1	100	104 21	749 75	Locust Valley, "
College Point,	Herman C. Berg,	69	5	- -	- -	- -	1	†124	8	2	61	18	1	200	402 71	18,168 65	College Point, "
Laurel Hill,	Vacant,	147	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	25	- -	- -	- -	- -	1	85	- - - -	- - - -	Long Island City, "
First Ref., L. I. City,	Ernest Gutweiler,	39	6	- -	- -	- -	- -	37	15	- -	- -	9	1	105	- - - -	677 21	" " "
Bushwick,	Henry A. Powell,	297	55	17	7	-	5	405	12	24	- -	- -	1	1112	128 00	7,154 40	13 Orient Av., B'klyn, E. D.
German Ev., Jamaica,	Henry Frech,	50	32	21	2	-	-	153	15	- -	61	11	1	65	53 00	1,510 93	Jamaica, N. Y.
Jericho,	J. B. Wilson,§	22	3	11	-	-	-	14	- -	1	- -	- -	1	40	- - - -	237 76	Jericho, "
	Total,	2323	258	102	78	1	38	4248	215	56	436	707	29	6447	$4,958 27	$81,266 72	

Other Ministers.—Rev. E. R. Atwater, Brooklyn, E. D.; Rev. J. B. Alliger, New York City; Rev. Jefferson Wynkoop, Cuba, N. Y.; Rev. W. H. Ten Eyck, (s. c.,) New Brunswick, N. J.; Rev. John Wenisch, Newark, N. J.; Rev. Wm. Ferris, 220 South Fifth Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Candidate.—Isaac W. Warner, Union Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

* To Jericho, 4. † Revised. ‡ Pastor elect. § Missionary. ‖ Last year's report.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
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Brooklyn,	David N. Vanderveer,	181	24	17	6	-	5	316	4	4	- -	100	2	600	$6,031 92	$6,796 34	95 Livingston St., B'klyn, N.Y.
Flatbush,	Cornelius L. Wells,	115	7	8	-	-	6	243	2	- -	248	200	1	350	5,414 41	4,000 00	Flatbush, Kings Co., "
Flatbush Mission,	Charles S. Wright,	55	- -	- -	-	-	1	35	12	- -	85	- -	1	78	193 00	- - - - -	New Utrecht, " "
New Utrecht,	Alfred H. Brush,	98	2	3	6	-	4	236	8	- -	- -	100	3	330	626 34	2,459 23	" " "
Gravesend,	A. P. Stockwell,	125	5	3	-	-	1	206	6	- -	171	116	2	190	892 15	1,809 00	Gravesend, " "
Flatlands,	Anson DuBois,	80	4	2	3	-	4	190	5	1	185	85	2	247	407 72	2,041 54	Flatlands, " "
New Lots,	Nicholas Pearse,	70	5	1	-	-	2	174	6	2	289	50	1	152	503 75	2,178 58	East New York, " "
East New York,	William J. Hill,	*81	6	5	4	-	3	118	3	- -	- -	200	1	325	424 33	2,125 44	" " "
South Brooklyn,	Henry V. S. Myers,	58	3	1	-	-	-	82	14	2	96	51	1	200	81 64	1,501 46	1059 3d Av., Brooklyn, "
Middle "	Edward P. Ingersoll,	182	6	15	7	-	5	531	14	1	- -	- -	1	330	560 41	8,400 00	365 Union St., " "
12th St. "	Uriah D. Gulick,	200	43	23	16	3	5	615	33	12	282	668	2	1373	765 74	7,485 52	257 12th St., " "
North "	Alexander R. Thompson	70	15	4	3	-	3	- -	9	4	- -	140	1	202	257 04	4,288 02	180 Clermont Av., " "
Ch. on the Heights, Bkn	Alfred J. Hutton,	108	19	8	26	-	11	373	5	1	- -	40	2	430	7,921 60	7,035 27	45 Monroe Place, " "
New Brooklyn,	Jacob Weber,	110	18	2	1	3	4	298	104	2	600	25	1	300	75 00	1,242 00	772 Herkimer St., " "
Bedford "	Walter T. Griffin,	150	26	30	6	-	3	157	2	7	21	115	1	175	94 67	7,298 26	676 Bedford Av., " "
Second, Flatbush,	Charles H. Schwarzbach	42	8	- -	-	-	-	82	11	- -	81	7	1	60	- - - - -	500 00	Flatsbush, Kings Co., "
Canarsie,	Conrad Dickhout,	23	2	- -	-	-	1	79	7	- -	86	12	1	70	12 00	527 18	East New York, " "
	Total,	1748	193	122	78	6	58	3735	245	36	2144	1909	24	5412	$24,261 72	$59,678 84	

Other Ministers.—Rev. John A. Lansing, 430 Gates Av., Brooklyn, N. Y.; Rev. Jacob West, 34 Vesey St., New York City; Rev. John M. Ferris, 34 Vesey St,, New York City; Rev. Daniel Rapalye, Amoy, China; Rev. Robert G. Strong, Flatbush, Kings Co., N. Y.; Rev. John M. Van Buren, Nyack, N. Y.; Rev. Jacob Whitehurst, 104 Willoughby St., Brooklyn, N. Y.; Rev. David S. Stutphen, Bloomfield, N. J. * Revised list.

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New York (Collegiate)	Thomas E. Vermilye, - - -																15 W. 56th St., N. Y. City,
	Talbot W. Chambers, -	780	53	33	40	4	28	1950*	46	5	- -	1750	7	2500	$31,040 17	- - - - -	70 W. 36th St., "
	William Ormiston, - -																17 W. 32d St., "
	Edward B. Coe, - - -																42 W. 52d St.. "
Harlem, - - - - - -	George H. Smyth, - -	150	69	27	22	-	2	393	6	14	110	487	1	487	434 54	$212 44	183 E. 116th St., "
South' New York, - -	Roderick Terry, - - -	131	30	13	7	-	6	632	13	2	100	- -	3	598	3,864 40	13,057 71	169 Madison Av., "
Staten Island, - - - -	James Brownlee, - - -	156	8	4	5	-	2	267	6	3	171	200	2	375	970 00	4,768 00	Port Richmond, N. Y.
Bloomingdale, - - -	Vacant, - - - - - -	- -	1	2	3	-	-	*45	1	- -	- -	- -	1	95	- - - - -		
Madison Avenue, - -	Edward A. Reed, - - -	146	11	23	3	-	5	264	1	1	164	239	1	393	1,442 31	33,182 83	28 E. 58th St., New York City.
Thirty-fourth Street, -	Carlos Martyn, - - -	205	5	6	13	-	6	*608	6	3	- -	217	1	217	965 00	5,564 00	152 W. 34th St., "
German Ev. Mission, -	Julius W. Geyer, - - -	180	67	5	7	-	3	*500	23	9	- -	63	1	500	1,745 70	1,796 67	78 2d St., "
Richmond, Staten Isl'd	Vacant, - - - - - -	- -	- -	- -	- -	-	-	31	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- - - - -		Stapleton, N. Y.
Huguenots, "	Vacant, - - - - - -	20	6	- -	5	-	1	43	- -	- -	- -	- -	1	70	- - - - -	195 41	" "
St. Paul's, Mott Haven,	Hasbrouck Du Bois, -	112	5	9	5	-	3	241	12	4	50	200	1	450	525 00	2,850 00	145th St., cor. 3d Av., N.Y. City
Union, High Bridge, -	Hasbrouck Du Bois, S.S.	35	1	2	-	-	-	52	3	- -	45	- -	1	85	159 41	1,090 31	" " "
Fourth German, - -	John H. Oerter, - - -	76	48	2	2	-	2	340	36	2	90	200	1	450	208 81	2,706 92	248 W. 40th St., "
Prospect Hill, - - - -	D. McL. Quackenbush, -	77	7	9	1	-	-	179	7	1	101	216	1	373	1,042 40	2,981 38	222 E. 87th St., "
Holland, - - - - -	Arend H. Bechthold, -	42	7	3	7	-	-	68	6	- -	- -	5	- -	- -	86 42	628 75	279 W. 11th St., "
Brookfield, Conn., - -	Vacant, - - - - - -	- -	- -	- -	- -	-	-	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- - - - -	- - - - -	Brookfield, Conn.
Avenue B German Ev.,	Jacob Schlegel, - - -	85	99	2	4	-	1	*455	73	- -	- -	35	1	233	201 00	1,477 86	603 5th St., New York City,
Brighton Heights, - -	William Walton Clark, -	95	33	15	2	-	2	288	14	7	94	231	1	310	279 10	13,823 92	Tompkinsville, N. Y.
Union, Sixth Avenue,	E. S Fairchild, - - -	120	6	9	13	-	2	292	4	2	- -	190	1	250	418 16	4,627 16	433 W. 19th St., N. Y. City.
German, Norfolk St., -	G. L. Neef, - - - - -	180	47	- -	- -	-	6	*600	30	- -	- -	30	1	350	277 64	2,404 79	129 Norfolk St., "
Mattoax & Amelia C.H.	Vacant, - - - - - -	- -	- -	- -	- -	-	-	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- - - - -	- - - - -	
Kreischersville, - - -	Vacant, - - - - - -	29	44	- -	- -	-	-	44	3	- -	- -	- -	1	101	- - - - -	- - - - -	Kreischersville, N. Y.
	Total, - - - - -	2619	547	165	139	4	69	7299	290	53	925	4063	27	7837	$43,662 06	$90,368 15	

Foreign Missionaries.—Rev. Leonard W. Kip, Amoy, China; Rev. C. H. H. Wolff, Japan.

Mission Pastors.—Rev. J. H. Bertholf, 160 W. 29th St, New York City; Rev. Abraham Thompson, (s. c.,) 514 Ninth Av., (P. O.) New York City; Rev. A. J. Park, Weston, Conn.; Rev. Joseph R. Duryee, 37 W. 50th St., New York City; Rev. G. S. Plumley, P. O. Box 787, New York City; Rev. F. M. Kip, Chaplain Benevolent Institutions, Stapleton, N. Y.

Other Ministers.—Rev. Enoch Van Aken, Emeritus, New Brunswick, N. J.; Rev. J. B. Steele, Canajoharie, N. Y.; Rev. C. M. Jameson, Editor, Somerville. N. J.; Rev. John Forsyth, Newburgh, N. Y.; Rev. William H. Miller; Rev. J. H. Sinclair, Teacher, Stapleton, N. Y.; Rev. Aaron Lloyd, Belleville, N. J.; Rev. William L. Johnson, Missionary, Orangeburg, S. C.; Rev. G. H. Mandeville, 327 E. 124th St., New York City; Rev. James Bolton, Eatontown, N. J.; Rev. F. N. Zabriskie, Editor of Christian Intelligencer, 6 New Church St., New York City; Rev. A. G. Vermilye, New York City. * Revised list.

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
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Berea,	Peter H. Milliken,	70	9	2	1	-	1	136	5	- -		20	1	104	$201 40	$1,028 80	St. Andrews,	N. Y.
Bloomingburgh,	Vacant,	47	3	1	4	-	2	95	2	2	. .	. .	.	75	30 43	1,930 00	Bloomingburgh,	"
Callicoon,	Carl Schmolz, P. E.,	- -	- -	- -	- -	-	-	- -	- -	- -	. .	. .	.	. .	. .	. .	Callicoon,	"
Claraville,	R. P. Milliken, S.S.,	30	19	- -	-	-	-	58	2	7	. .	11	2	50	6 00	75 00	Claraville,	"
Cuddebackville,	Vacant,	- -	- -	- -	- -	-	-	- -	- -	- -	. .	. .	.	. .	. .	. .	Cuddebackville,	"
Deerpark,	Goyn Talmage,	193	16	11	7	1	3	280	8	9	. .	150	2	450	950 13	3,336 76	Port Jervis,	"
Ellenville,	J. Hutchins, P.E.,	86	- -	3	6	-	1	232	3	- -	. .	. .	1	140	106 40	2,458 66	Ellenville,	"
Fallsburgh,	Walter S. Brown,	88	2	2	-	-	1	122	- -	- -	45	20	1	95	23 50	808 64	Woodbourne,	"
Grahamville,	R. P. Milliken,	44	- -	1	1	-	1	112	- -	- -	. .	13	1	50	1 50	1,430 00	Grahamville,	"
Kerhonkson,	Vacant,	- -	- -	- -	- -	-	-	- -	- -	- -	. .	. .	.	. .	. .	. .	Kerhonkson,	"
Mamakating,	Jno. Du Bois, S.S.,	45	- -	2	2	-	1	99	2	- -	. .	. .	1	60	. .	383 54	Wurtsboro,	"
Minnisink,	Vacant,	- -	- -	- -	- -	-	-	- -	- -	- -	. .	. .	.	. .	. .	. .	Montague,	"
Montgomery,	Ferdinand S. Schenck,	185	- -	3	12	-	6	398	5	- -	. .	150	1	150	1,309 47	2,484 61	Montgomery,	"
Newburgh,	H. V. S. Meyers, P.E.,	- -	- -	- -	43	-	-	500	- -	- -	. .	. .	.	130	172 65	2,578 20	Newburgh,	"
New Hurley,	Robert H. Beatie,	100	5	5	5	1	4	154	2	2	. .	. .	.	. .	157 00	728 00	New Hurley,	"
New Prospect,	John T. Demarest,	82	1	- -	1	-	1	140	- -	- -	. .	. .	2	93	50 00	. . .	Pine Bush,	"
Shawangunk,	Vacant,	70	1	- -	5	-	7	253	7	- -	. .	46	3	125	92 51	1,655 37	Bruynswick,	"
Unionville,	R. P. Milliken S.S.,	34	- -	- -	-	-	-	34	- -	- -	. .	14	1	60	3 50	170 00	Grahamville,	"
Walden,	M. V. Schoonmaker,	80	20	5	5	-	7	185	6	2	. .	. .	1	175	300 00	2,200 00	Walden,	"
Wallkill Valley,	Richard De Witt,	70	- -	3	6	-	3	98	4	- -	. .	. .	1	70	102 89	1,325 26	Shawangunk,	"
Walpack (Upper),	G. S. Garretson,	- -	2	2	2	-	1	51	1	2	. .	. .	1	80	35 00	500 00	Dingman's Bridge,	Pa.
Walpack (Lower),	Henry L. Rex,	67	- -	1	2	-	1	148	2	- -	. .	80	2	110	43 39	725 00	Bushkille,	"
Warwarsing,	G. D. Lydecker, P. E.,	61	1	1	5	-	2	88	2	- -	. .	. .	.	. .	18 42	75 00	Napanoch,	N. Y.
	Total,	1352	79	42	107	2	42	3103	51	24	45	504	21	2017	3,604 25	23,802 84		

Other Ministers.—**Rev. S. W. Mills, Port Jervis, N. Y.; Rev. John A. Staats, Goshen, N. Y.; Rev. W. E. Turner. Lake Mahopac, N. Y.; Rev. E. W. Bentley, Canton Center, Conn.; Rev. C. Spaulding, 254 West 34th street, N. Y.**

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.		
First, Poughkeepsie,	A. P. Van Gelson (s. c.,,	190	16	10	7	-	6	505	6	7	- -	- -	1	302	$6,527 29	$7,875 0	Poughkeepsie,	N. Y.
Second, Poughkeepsie,	J. Elmendorf, - - - -	129	4	7	8	-	5	335	2	2	61	- -	1	155	2,263 97	5,318 72	"	"
Fishkill, - - - - - -	M. B. Thomas, - - - -	81	1	6	6	-	1	175	- -	- -	- -	104	1	104	179 97	2,846 35	Fishkill,	"
Hopewell, - - - - -	C. H. Polhemus, - - -	128	5	7	6	-	5	258	- -	4	- -	17	4	200	73 99	1,703 15	Hopewell Junction,	"
New Hackensack, - -	Henry Ward, - - - -	100	2	6	3	-	2	155	1	- -	52	50	5	225	392 14	1,224 75	New Hackensack,	"
Hyde Park, - - - -	C. R. Blauvelt, - - -	70	2	3	2	-	1	118	2	1	- -	30	1	50	149 17	1.458 62	Hyde Park,	"
Fishkill-on-Hudson, -	Charles W. Fritts, - -	120	7	7	6	-	4	265	1	2	- -	- -	1	195	643 13	3,337 18	Fishkill on Hudson,	"
Rhinebeck, - - - -	L. Walter Lott, - - -	104	5	3	2	-	3	222	1	1	- -	- -	1	140	392 07	1,336 86	Rhinebeck,	"
Glenham, - - - - -	William W. Schomp, -	46	5	1	-	-	4	54	6	- -	- -	- -	1	120	84 94	768 94	Glenham,	"
Cold Spring, - - - -	- - - - - - - - - -	25	2	1	-	-	1	40	1	1	- -	- -	1	40	9 20	600 00	Cold Spring,	"
Millbrook, - - - - -	J. Edward Lyall, - - -	65	8	3	4	-	1	98	4	6	- -	24	3	110	24 5	1,380 88	Millbrook,	"
	Total, - - - - -	1058	57	54	44	-	33	2225	24	24	113	225	20	1641	$10,739 92	$27,340 45		

Other Ministers.—Rev. S. Van Vechten, Fishkill, N. Y.; Rev. H. Hermance, Rhinebeck, N. Y.; Rev. H. Dater, Hawthorne, N. J.; Rev. C. S. Hageman, Nyack. N. Y.; Rev. A. Mattice, Pine Plains, N. Y.; Rev. G. R. Garretson, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Rev. H. N. Cobb, Tarrytown, N. Y.

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Bronxville,	Vacant,	45	12	1	1	.	.	96	2	3	5	. .	2	87	$313 08	$2,077 06	Bronxville, N. Y.
Cortlandtown,	Joseph A. Harper,	80	4	. .	. .	. .	. .	86	. .	. .	86	40	2	115	40 76	918 96	Montrose, "
Fordham,	William Anderson,	50	9	2	. .	. .	2	91	8	4	. .	. .	1	90	960 24	3,359 00	Fordham, New York City.
Greenburgh,	Vacant,	20	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	14	. .	. .	. .	. .	1	. .	. . . .	. . . .	Tarrytown, N. Y.
Greenville,	George A. Reis,	32	. .	. .	. .	. .	2	48	1	. .	. .	. .	1	40	53 00	789 00	Scarsdale, "
Hastings,	Vacant,	70	. .	. .	8	1	. .	140	. .	. .	. .	. .	2	200	. . . .	1,700 00	Hastings, "
Melrose,	John E. Lang,	74	27	. .	. .	. .	9	106	14	. .	27	243	1	342	6 18	1,686 38	Morrisania, New York City.
Mount Vernon,	Chas. K. Clearwater(s.c.)	145	6	16	5	2	6	287	10	2	162	. .	1	261	1,012 56	4,855 74	Mount Vernon, N. Y.
Peekskill,	Vacant,	55	2	. .	2	. .	3	113	2	1	113	60	1	97	75 00	1,015 00	Peekskill, "
Tarrytown, First,	John K. Allen,	102	14	4	2	. .	2	249	7	4	. .	. .	1	236	659 13	2,588 47	North Tarrytown' "
Tarrytown, Second,	John A. Todd,	100	16	8	7	. .	9	329	4	1	. .	55	1	100	555 51	3,884 77	Tarrytown, "
Unionville,	Howard Harris.	62	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	85	. .	. .	. .	92	1	94	106 98	1,240 90	Neperan, "
West Farms,	Harlan P. Blair,	42	2	2	1	. .	1	46	. .	. .	. .	40	1	90	27 66	1,297 14	West Farms, New York City.
Yonkers,	David Cole,	150	9	16	17	. .	5	359	11	4	93	100	1	250	954 07	4,162 13	Yonkers, N. Y.
	Total,	1007	101	49	43	3	39	2049	59	18	540	576	17	2002	$4,764 12	$29,594 55	

Other Ministers.—Rev. Washington Roosevelt, Pelham; Rev. Wm. Brush, Morristown, N. J.; Rev. Lawrence H. Van Dyck, Chappaqua, Westchester Co., N. Y.; Rev. Wm. W. Rand, American Tract Society, Nassau St., New York City; Rev. Alex. Watson, Agent New York Bible Society, Sing Sing, N. Y.; Rev. John Simonson, Plainfield, N. J.

Candidate.—Henry J. Bogardus, Yonkers, N. Y.

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK, FOR YEAR ENDING MAY 2, 1882.

CLASSES.	Churches.	Ministers.	Number of Families.	Received		Total now in Communion.	BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. & B. C. & S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		STATED CLERKS.
				On Confession.	On Certificate.		Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Arcot,	22	9	1364	157	113	1481	235	143	2094	1067	75	5092	$432 00	$458 50	John H. Wyckoff.
Hudson,	10	12	1148	42	19	1956	31	13	80	. .	15	1302	2,737 76	21,752 16	Polhemus Van Wyck
Kingston,	14	13	1400	60	36	2401	77	19	1291	1098	30	2210	1,935 24	15,025 37	J. F. Harris.
North Long Island,	21	25	2323	258	102	4248	215	56	436	707	29	6447	4,958 27	81,266 72	Wm. H. Ten Eyck.
South Long Island,	17	24	1748	193	122	3735	245	36	2144	1909	24	5412	24,261 72	57,637 30	Chas. S. Wright.
New York,	22	38	2619	547	165	7290	290	53	925	4063	27	7837	43,662 6[illegible]	90,368 15	Abraham Thompson.
Orange,	23	21	1352	79	42	3108	51	24	45	504	21	2017	3,604 25	23 892 84	E. W. Bentley.
Poughkeepsie,	11	17	1058	57	44	2225	54	24	113	225	20	1641	10,739 92	27,340 45	A. P. Van Gieson.
Westchester,	14	16	1007	101	49	2049	59	18	540	576	17	2002	4,764 12	29,594 55	Chas. K. Clearwater.
Total,	154	175	14019	1494	692	28497	1257	386	7668	10149	258	33960	97,095 8[illegible]	347,367 04	

ARTICLE VIII.

CLASSICAL MINUTES.

The Committee on Classical Minutes reported by its sub-committees on the Minutes of each of the Classis as follows, and the reports were accepted and adopted :

Classis of Hudson.—The Committee on the Minutes of the Classis of Hudson report that they are found correct.

The following record on page 246 of the Minutes of the Classis of Hudson seems to require the consideration of this Particular Synod :

Resolved: That the resolution of the General Synod on page 735 of the Minutes of General Synod, requesting that Classis shall require reasons to be given for failure to take collections for all the Boards, is deemed by this Classis to be unconstitutional. Therefore, with great respect, decline to comply with said request.

The answers to the second and third constitutional questions were as follows ; Hudson, yes; yes. First, Claverack, yes; no. Second, Claverack, yes; yes. Linlithgo, yes; yes. Greenport, no; yes. Germantown, no; yes. Upper Red Hook, no; yes. Taghkanic, yes; yes, Greenbush, yes; yes. Livingston, ——.

V. M. HULBERT, *Chairman.*

In regard to the action of Classis of Hudson, referred to in report of committee, Particular Synod adopted the following :

Resolved: That a copy of the resolution adopted by the Classis of Hudson, touching the matter to which the particular attention of the Classes has been called by resolution found on page 735 of Minutes of General Synod for 1881, be transmitted by this Body to the General Synod.

Classis of Kingston.—The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the Classis of Kingston respectfully report that they have examined the same, and find them correctly kept. The Constitutional questions—second and third—are all answered in the affirmative.

WILLIAM SMITH, *Chairman.*

North Classis of Long Island.—The Committee on Minutse of North Classis of Long Island would respectfully report that they have examined the same, and find them correctly kept and in perfect order.

The first Constitutional question is answered affirmatively by all the Churches, except Oyster Bay, East Williamsburgh, and Laurel Hill, which were not reported. The second question was answered affirmatively by all the Churches, except Newtown, North Hempstead, Williamsburgh, Flushing, South Bushwick, and the three churches above mentioned.

Respectfully,

A. P. STOCKWELL, *Chairman.*

South Classis of Long Island.—The Committee on the examination of the Classical Minutes of Classis of S. Long Island respectfully report that the Minutes are carefully and correctly kept, and find the second and third questions of the Constitutional requirement all answered in the affirmative, excepting the Middle Church of Brooklyn.

GEORGE A. RIES, *Chairman.*

Classis of New York.—The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the Classis of New York respectfully report that they have examined the same, and find them correctly kept. They regret, however, to find so many unsatisfactory replies to seventh question, touching the collections for the different Boards and Funds of the Church. The replies to question No. 2 are "*Yes*, 16; "*No*," 3; in part, 1. To question 3, all "*Yes.*"

J. A. LANSING.
J. J. HALSEY.

Classis of Orange.—Your Committee on Classical Minutes have duly examined the Minutes of the Classis of Orange, and find them correct.

Examined the answers of the several Churches of Orange in regard to the second and third Constitutional questions, and all answered in the affirmative, excepting six Churches—Shawangunk, Newburgh, Upper Walpack, Wawarsing, and Lower Walpack.

P. T. DEYO, *Chairman.*

Classis of Poughkeepsie.—The Committee appointed to examine the Records of the Classis of Poughkeepsie would respectfully report that we have carefully examined the Records, and find them neatly and correctly kept.

And, that, they have examined the answers to the second Constitutional question, and they are all in the affirmative, excepting two. And the third question are all answered in the affirmative, excepting two.

J. B. WILSON.
WM H. WOODRUFF.

Classis of Westchester.—The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the Classis of Westchester would report that they have examined the same, and find them correctly kept, and contains nothing which deserves the attention of Synod, except that one Church answers questions first, second, third and fourth negatively; one—second, third and seventh; three, the second and seventh; four, the seventh.

JAMES WYCKOFF, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE IX.

CLASSICAL APPEALS.

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

Your committee would respectfully report that no business whatever has come into our hands.

C. R. BLAUVELT, *Chairman*

ARTICLE X.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XI

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLEXII.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIII.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIV.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XV.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVI.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVII.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS.

Attended to by Committee on Classical Minutes.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SYNODICAL INJUNCTIONS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIX.

PARTICULARIA.

The first hour of Tuesday afternoon, after the organization, was passed in devotional exercises under the lead of the President of the Synod.

The first half hour of Wednesday morning's session, after the reading of the minutes, was also spent in devotional services under the leadership of Rev. John A. Lansing.

The Communion of the Lord's Supper was celebrated on the afternoon of Wednesday. The Form for the administration of the Supper was read by the President of Synod. The Bread was administered by Rev. Roderick Terry and the Cup by Rev. C. R. Blauvelt. The distribution was made by the Elders. Geo. Stewart, C. D. Westbrook, Bernard Lazelere and S. W. De Voe.

On motion it was

Resolved, That this Synod has been profoundly impressed

with the propriety of having the sermon of Rev. Dr. Cole delivered before the Synod published for general use among our Churches, and therefore respectfully request the Board of Publication to publish said discourse if their funds will permit.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the Committee on Nominations be hereby instructed to report the names of three brethren to read papers before the next Particular Synod on the following subjects:

1. How to Promote the Spiritual Life of our Churches.
2. The Relation of the Church to the Labor Question.
3. How to bring Children into the Full Communion of the Church.

The committee reported the following names, and these persons were accordingiy appointed:

1. To read a paper relating to the Spiritual Growth of the Churches.

Rev. L. WALTER LOTT.

2. To read a paper on the Relation of the Church to the Labor Question.

Rev. RODERICK TERRY.

3. To read a paper on the Children and the Church.

Rev. JOHN A. DAVIS.

On motion it was

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to consider the propriety of celebrating the Lord's Supper in connection with the meetings of this body, and report at the next annual meeting.

The following were constituted such committee:

Rev. JAMES DEMAREST, Jr.
Rev. JOHN A. LANSING.
Elder THEOPHILUS A. BROUWER.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk procure the printing of the usual number of copies of the minutes of this session.

On motion it was

Resolved, That we record our appreciation of the very cordial welcome tendered to this Synod by the Rev. W. H. De Hart and the members of the congregation of the Church of Jamaica; and

that we extend to them our hearty thanks for the admirable provision made for the comfort and convenience of the Synod during its sessions, as well as for the very hospitable entertainment we have received.

ARTICLE XX.

THE QUESTORATE.

The Questor presented the following account, which was referred to the Committee on the Questorate:

PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK, in account with

THEOPHILUS A. BROUWER, *Questor.*

		Dr.	
1881.			
July 15.	To Cash paid Rev. Anson Du Bois, D.D., for salary as Stated Clerk to May, 1882,		$100 00
15.	" Cash paid Rev. Anson Du Bois, D.D., for traveling expenses and postage		5 45
15.	" Cash paid Rev. Anson Du Bois, D.D., for doorkeeper at Montgomery, New York		8 00
15.	" Cash paid Hosford & Sons for Printing Minutes of 1881 (450 copies)		114 73
1882.			
May 1.	" Cash Balance due Synod to new account		53 33
			$276 51
1881.		Cr.	
May 3.	By Cash Balance from old account		$276 51
			$276 51

E. E. NEW YORK, May 1, 1882.

The Committee on the Questorate respectfully report that they have examined the Questor's book and accompanying vouchers, and find them correct, and that a balance remains in his hands of fifty-three dollars and thirty-three cents ($53.33).

WALTER S. BROWN, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XXI.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL SYNOD.

The following were appointed:

Classis of Arcot.

Rev. John Scudder, M.D.

Classis of Hudson.

PRIMARII.

Rev. James Wyckoff,	Elder J. R. Gale,
" William D. Perry,	" William Walker,
" James C. Garretson,	" Peter Pells.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Ezekiel C. Scudder,	Elder Thomas Elmendorf,
" William Smith,	" John C. Benham, M.D.,
" William N. Todd,	" Daniel Sherwood.

Classis of Kingston.

PRIMARII.

Rev. De Witt B. Wyckoff,	Elder Samuel Ten Eyck,
" Paul T. Deyo,	" Benjamin Markle,
" Victor M. Hulbert, D.D.,	" James Oliver, M.D.

SECUNDI.

Rev. William H. Vroom,	Elder Josiah P. Le Fever,
" John B. Church,	" Marcus Decker,
" A. Westveer,	" Jonathan Auchmoody.

North Classis of Long Island.

PRIMARII.

Rev. M. L. Haines,	Elder Fred'k A. Lancashire,
" George D. Hulst,	" Thomas S. Shepard,
" John M. Wagner,	" Jabez Harris,
" C. D. F. Steinfuhrer,	" A. H. Downer.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Lewis Francis,	Elder Adrian Onderdonk,
" Elbert S. Porter, D.D.,	" Cornelius Rapelye,
" Wm. H. De Hart,	" Martin G. Johnson,
" A. D. W. Mason,	" Daniel V. Weeks.

South Classis of Long Island.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Alex. R. Thompson, D.D.,	Elder Abram J. Beekman,
" Edw'd P. Ingersoll, D.D.,	" A. A. Raven,
" A. P. Stockwell,	" R. F. Denison.

SECUNDI.

Rev. John A. Lansing, D.D.,	Elder R. A. Bishop,
" Chs. S. Wright,	" A. J. Newton,
" Nicholas Pearse,	" Isaac E. Bergen.

Classis of New York.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Wm. Ormiston, D.D.,	Elder John Van Nest,
" William W. Clark,	" William H. Jackson,
" Edward E. Reed, D.D.,	" Charles M. Pine,
" Abraham Thompson,	" Daniel Hoffman.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Andrew J. Park,	Elder William Bogardus,
" G. S. Plumley,	" D. Jackson Stewart,
" G. W. Geyer,	" W. N. Clark,
" Carlos Martin,	" H. P. Allen.

Classis of Orange.

PRIMARII.

Rev. M. V. Schoonmaker, D.D.,	Elder J. G. Millspaugh,
" Gilbert S. Garretson,	" T. J. Deyo,
" George D. Lydecker,	" Wm. H. Woodruff, M.D.,
" Edw'd W. Bentley, D.D.,	" W. S. Northrop.

SECUNDI.

Rev. John Du Bois,	Elder J. D. C. Hill,
" John T. Demarest, D.D.,	" G. H. Sparks,
" Samuel W. Mills, D.D.,	" James Bigler,
" Walter S. Brown,	" E. W. Knapp,

Classis of Poughkeepsie.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Joachim Elmendorf, D.D.	Elder William H. Crosby,
" Chas. S. Hageman, D.D.,	" L. D. Barnes,
" L. Walter Lott,	" John Hoffman.

SECUNDI.

Rev. William W. Schomp,	Elder Sidney Scofield,
" C. R. Blauvelt,	" James Porter,
" A. Mattice,	" Isaac Riggs,

Classis of Westchester.

PRIMARII.

Rev. David Cole, D.D.,	Elder L. J. Mabie,
" John A. Todd, D.D.,	" Theodotus Burwell,
" Chas. R. Clearwater,	" Jacob Storms.

SECUNDI.

Rev. William Anderson,	Elder L. Allen Pitcher,
" Howard Harris,	" Josiah Valentine,
" John E. Lang,	" Israel C. See.

ARTICLE XXII.

INSTRUCTIONS TO DELEGATES.

Nothing occurred

ARTICLE XXIII.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Synod adjourned to meet in Annual Session in the Reformed Church, Brighton Heights, Staten Island, on the first Tuesday of May, A.D. 1883, at 3 o'clock P.M.

CLOSE OF SYNOD.

The Minutes were read and approved, the roll was called, and

Synod adjourned at the close of the communion service, with the pronouncing of the apostolic benediction by the President.

POLHEMUS VAN WYCK, *President.*
GILES A. MANDEVILLE, *Adsessor,*

J. A. HARPER,
C. R. BLAUVELT, } *Temporary Clerks.*

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ANSON DU BOIS, *Stated Clerk.*

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MINUTES

OF THE

Particular Synod of New York.

The particular Synod of New York met in Regular Session in the Reformed Church of Brighton Heights, Staten Island, N. Y., on the first day of May, 1883, at 3 o'clock, P. M., and adjourned at 4 o'clock, P. M., of the second day of the session.

Formation of Synod.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. Giles H. Mandeville, D.D., Adsessor of the last Synod, who also preached the sermon before Synod on the evening of the first day of the Session from Philippians iii., v. 8. "Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Classis of Arcot. ——— ———

Classis of Hudson.—Revs. Jas. C. Garretson, E. C. Scudder, M.D., William Smith, William N. Todd. *Elders.*—James M. Streaver, Geo. Vosburg, Hiram Rowe.

Classis of Kingston.—Revs. William H. Vroom, Calvin E. Lasher, J. F. Harris. *Elders.*—W. O. Church, William Smith.

North Classis of Long Island.—Revs. George D. Hulst, Henry Frech, John A. Davis, Herman C. Berg. *Elders.*—J. A. S. Simonson, M. Roemer.

South Classis of Long Island.—Revs. U. D. Gulick, J. Whitehurst, Nicholas Pearse, D. N. Vanderveer. *Elders.*—L. V. D. Hardenberg, Andrew Hegeman, Ditmas Jewell.

Classis of New York.—Revs. Edward B. Coe, D.D., Oliver H. Walser, Edward A. Reed, D.D., Arend H. Bechthold. *Elders.*—Edward C. Delavan, N. S. King, M.D., D. R. Hitchcock.

Classis of Orange.—Rev. John Du Bois. *Elder.*—D. S. De Witt.

Classis of Poughkeepsie.—Revs. M. B. Thomas, J. E. Lyall. *Elder.*—J. B. Jones.

Classis of Westchester.—Revs. James Bolton, A. M. Quick. *Elders.*—Josiah Valentine, T. Burwell, J. Van Santvoord.

ARTICLE III.

MODERATORS.

Rev. Ezekiel C. Scudder, M.D., was elected President, and Rev. Edward A. Reed, D.D., Adsessor; Revs. J. E. Lyall and Henry Frech, Temporary Clerks.

ARTICLE IV.

MINUTES AND BEQUEST.

The minutes of the Session of 1882 were read. The Bequest of Rev. Elias Van Benschoten was read.

ACTS OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Rules of Order were read.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were the Standing Committees:

ON SYNODICAL MINUTES.—*Ministers*,—H. C. Berg, C. E. Lasher, M. B. Thomas. *Elders*,—J. Van Santvoord, W. O. Church, E. C. Delavan.

ON CLASSICAL MINUTES.—*Arcot*,— ——— ——— *Hudson*—Rev. M. B. Thomas. *Elder*,—James M. Streaver. *Kingston*—Rev. A. M. Quick. *Elder*,—J. B. Jones. *North Long Island*—Rev. N. Pearse. *Elder*,—Josiah Valentine. *South Long Island*—Rev. O. H. Walser. *Elder*,—D. S. De Witt. *New York*—Rev. James Bolton. *Elder*,—E. C. Delavan. *Orange*—Rev. J. Whitehurst. *Elder*,—D. Jewell. *Poughkeepsie*—Rev. W. H. Vroom. *Elder*,—W. O. Church. *Westchester*—Rev. C. E. Lasher. *Elder*,—George Vosburgh.

ON CLASSICAL REPORTS, OR STATE OF RELIGION.—*Ministers*,—E. B. Coe, J. F. Harris, N. Pearse. *Elders*,—L. V. D. Hardenberg, D. S. De Witt, N. S. King.

ON THE QUESTORATE.—*Ministers*,—William Smith, M. B. Thomas, O. H. Walser. *Elders*,—D. Jewell, D. R. Hitchcock, A. Hegeman.

ON OVERTURES AND JUDICIAL BUSINESS.—*Ministers*,—J. A. Davis, A. H. Bechthold, J. C. Garretson. *Elders*,—Wm. Smith, James M. Streaver, D. Jewell.

ON NOMINATIONS.—*Ministers*,—D. N. Vanderveer, W. N. Todd, John Du Bois. *Elders*,—E. C. Delavan, M. Roemer, J. B. Jones.

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE IV.

GENERAL SYNOD.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Synodical Minutes would respectfully report that they have examined the minutes of the Particular Synods of Albany, Chicago, New Brunswick, and New York, but found nothing of special interest to this Synod.

In the Minutes of General Synod, your Committee call attention to the Resolutions on page 71, appended to the Report on the State of Religion, in part as follows: "That earnest and united efforts be put forth to revive, throughout the entire denomination, home religion and the catechetical instruction of the children in the family and the Sabbath School."

It seems to us that this is all-important if we are to keep our hold on the children of the Church, and train them into strong, intelligent and influential Christian men and women. But it seems to us that one thing more is needed,—that the attention of the churches should be especially recalled to the relation which baptized children hold to them. As regards this it is to be feared that many of our churches are not in agreement with the teachings of our standards and the practice of our fathers. Hence comes much of the delay and hesitancy on the part of our children in assuming personally "their obligations to the Church and to God," and their realization of the blessings of Christ's Salvation promised in the Covenant of Grace. Let them know that they are already personally within the Church; that they have only to sanction and complete a relationship existing, and for them many difficulties and hindrances will be removed. We would submit therefore the following resolution:

Resolved, That earnest efforts be made to recall the churches within our bounds to the Scriptural view, contained in our

standards, of the relation between the Church and its baptized children.

On pp. 141–142 of the same minutes are resolutions calling for an increased zeal in missionary service, and suggesting methods for the development of the same. In reference to these your Committee would express the hope that each member of Synod may appropriate for himself their spirit and realize their profitableness.

Respectfully submitted,

H. C. BERG, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE V.

OTHER PARTICULAR SYNODS.

Copies of Minutes of the Particular Synods of Albany, Chicago and New Brunswick were received, and referred to the Committee on Synodical Minutes.

ARTICLE VI.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE VII

CLASSICAL REPORTS.

The committee on Classical Reports, or the State of Religion, reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on the State of Religion beg leave to submit the following report:

They have carefully examined the reports which have been sent up to this Synod by the various Classes, and are impressed with the spirit of hopefulness and courage which pervades them all. Many of them are brightened with the grateful recognition of the manifest presence of the Divine Spirit in some of the churches, where a new spiritual life has been awakened and considerable additions have been made to the number of those who profess themselves the followers of

Christ. Others deplore the lack of any special tokens of the favor of the Master, but record a steadfast continuance in His worship and work and look for more marked and encouraging results in the year to come. Only a few transmit to us from one or more struggling churches the confession of despondency, or the appeal for sympathy or aid. The prevailing tone is one of gratitude for the past and of confidence for the future.

It is, of course, difficult in so wide a field to compare the results of one year's labor with those of another. Statistical tables are far from giving clear evidence of the condition of the church of Christ. A rapid increase in numbers does not prove spiritual growth, nor should diminishing figures lead to the conclusion that the Church is losing ground. And yet your Committee deem it their duty to call the attention of Synod to the fact that six of the nine Classes, whose reports have been submitted to them, record a smaller number of members now in communion than that which was returned a year ago. In the case of the North Classis of Long Island the loss is only apparent, as will appear from its report. In other cases also, as in this, the falling off is doubtless due in part, if not wholly, to the revision of inaccurate lists. Thus it has come incidentally to our knowledge that two churches belonging to the Classis of New York have during the year revised their lists of members so thoroughly as to reduce the number returned by them by 288 and 192 respectively. Thus though a comparison of the total number of communicants reported this year with that of last year shows an apparent loss of some 450, the corrections indicated in these two classes alone change this into a slight increase. The increase is, however, but slight and while this is probably to be attributed in a great degree to causes which at the present moment affect the whole Christian Church, your Committee are sure that the Synod will observe with pain the fact that the number of accessions to its churches during the past year has been less by 121 than in the year 1882. We may well see in this statement of the numerical condition of our churches ground for renewed supplication for the outpouring upon us of the Spirit of all Power and Grace, and for the wise and faithful use of every means by which we may extend the borders of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

Your Committee desire, on the other hand, to draw your attention to one most encouraging fact which the classical reports exhibit, viz.: the large increase in the amount of contributions for religious and benevolent purposes. The tables for the present year show in this item an advance over those of last year of nearly $21,000—an increase of more than 20 per cent.

With these general statements we lay before you the reports of the several Classes.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD B. COE, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF ARCOT.

We are privileged to report another year of progress in the Arcot Classis. The statistical table shows an advance under nearly every head. There have been three hundred and forty (340) baptisms, one hundred and forty-two (142) of which were adults; one hundred and eighty-two (182) persons have been received on confession of faith; the number of communicants has increased over all losses by 162; the Christian Schools have also advanced, the average attendance of pupils being considerably larger than last year. All of the twenty-two (22) churches except two have had accessions, and five of them report 47, 26, 18, 11 and 10 new members respectively. This is even a greater increase than we were permitted to record in our last report, and has not been exceeded in any previous year, save one. The total now in communion stands at 1,645. Ten years ago it was 739; and twenty years ago 275. The number of members has, therefore, more than doubled during each decade, a fact that should encourage the Church to put forth even greater efforts than she is now doing to gather the heathen into her fold.

We are obliged to record one event of a discouraging nature that has taken place during the year. In the month of June the Mission being compelled to dismiss the Catechist at Coonoor for drinking, a party of the congregation, by his inducement, withdrew from the Church and started an independent service. A delegation sent by the Classis to investi-

gate the matter, succeeded mainly in restoring order and harmony, but a few families still remain rebellious and are now ministered to by the resident Chaplain of the Church of England, who is attempting to establish a native congregation on High-Church principles. One of our most experienced native pastors has been sent there, and as the present Chaplain, who is about to retire, is to be succeeded by a man of more evangelical views, we trust that the plan to organize a rival congregation will be frustrated, and that our Missions will continue the sole possessors of the field.

The amount of contributions by the native congregations for benevolent and other objects is a little less than that given last year. This is owing to a large falling off in the Coonoor Church, on account of the disaffection there. The sum given by other churches is larger than that given in any previous year, and the churches of Kattupadi and Arcot, which are supporting native pastors, have contributed more liberally than ever before. The spirit of self-support is undoubtedly on the increase throughout the whole Mission. Another native pastor will be ordained at the next meeting of Classis, and the churches of Vellore and Madanapalle have also extended calls to their present Catechists, pledging more than one-third ($\frac{1}{3}$) of their salary in the event of their being ordained as pastors.

Personal.—Rev. Mr. Conklin, who was obliged to spend six months on the Neilgherries on account of sickness, has returned to his station with improved health.

Dr. Chamberlain, although very poorly, has remained bravely at his post throughout the entire year.

At the close of the year we were permitted to welcome Rev. E. C. Scudder, Jr., and wife, and just as this report is being penned, Dr. John Scudder has arrived ready for full work.

With these reinforcements we begin a new year with buoyant hopes.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. WYCKOFF,

Stated Clerk.

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.

Your Committee respectfully report that all the Consistories of Classis have placed reports in our hands.

A general review of these reports shows that the presence and power of the Spirit have been abroad in our borders. Some of our churches indeed lament the prevalence of spiritual apathy, but many are aroused to an unusual ardor, while others already rejoice in cheering manifestations of divine favor.

The general tone of temporal affairs corresponds with the improvement of spiritual interests.

While there are alas! too many indications that the aggressive work of the army of Israel is not what it should be, yet there are cheering signs of new conquests as the result of new consecration.

The Church at Hudson, while lamenting the absence of any unusual spiritual increase gratefully rejoices in marked spiritual interest. The usual services have been well sustained, while the social life and benevolent operations have been healthfully developed.

The First Church of Claverack sends word "that during the past year God has favored them in his Grace and by his Spirit. The regular services of the sanctuary have been well sustained and evangelistic work has proved profitable."

The Second Church of Claverack. "The Church has in some measure been renewed in life. Prayer-meetings have been, during the winter, unusually well attended. All indebtedness incurred in the building of a chapel in Philmont has been liquidated."

Linlithgow. The regular services have been sustained, but without any apparent harvest.

Greenport. "The Church has reason to thank God for increased spiritual interest—reaching members who were neither cold nor hot, and awakening the indifferent to the claims of Christ upon them. Attendance on all of the regular services has increased, and we have reason to hope for a considerable increase of membership."

Germantown. We have, during the year, held steadily on our way. The work of the Lord has not prospered as we

should have wished. The Word has been respectfully listened to, and an encouraging feature of the Prayer-meeting is that the young take pleasure in being present. "Though faint, yet pursuing; perplexed, yet not in despair."

Upper Red Hook. Without any marked religious awakening an increased spiritual life, seen in the character and attendance at weekly meetings and in earnestness and fervor of petitions, has existed since the Week of Prayer."

West Copake, speaking from her sanctuary, says: "For much we have reason to thank God. Divine service has been unusually observed. The Sabbath-school has increased nearly double. Finances, too, have been fully met. The Church is awake."

Gallatin. "The Spirit's presence and influence have not been manifest in this direction. Our hearts have not been gladdened by seeing many penitents. We hope for better results from the seed sowing, which we trust has not been in vain."

Livingston. "God has been pleased to encourage us in our labor by adding his blessing."

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM SMITH, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.

Your Committee on the "State of Religion" present the following report:

Letters relating to the condition of the several churches have been received from all of their respective consistories.

We have selected the succeeding sentences as expressive of their welfare.

Bloomingdale. Delightful harmony has prevailed. We have had preaching only flah the time, still the people show an interest in the church. Five persons were received on confession.

The Clove. The Church of the Clove has been prosperous externally. A large measure of liberality has been displayed in bringing up arrearages, and providing for repairs and improvements, by special contributions to the amount of $900.

Of this amount $650 was collected at High Falls by the diligent exertion of one lady, who very modestly offered her services to the Consistory to obtain whatever amount they needed, and then quietly went forth and accomplished the task. It is intended with this to repair the parsonage and cushion the church pews. At Alligerville, $250 were collected. We have had no general awakening in spiritual things, still we have received encouraging accessions to our communion, chiefly from among the young.

Dashville Falls. This church is still deprived of a settled pastor. Rev. M. F. Liebenau is rendering the Sabbath morning service. We look to the Classis for counsel in our depressed state.

Guilford. Our benevolent contributions for the year are much smaller than they have been in any previous year. Death has visited us and filled our hearts with profound sorrow. The middle-aged and the young have been taken. Blessed are they who can leave behind them a record like theirs. The attendance upon Church services and other meetings has been about the same as usual. Grateful to God for the evidence of His presence, we pray for greater manifestations of His favor.

Hurley. In the past year we have been permitted to witness a steady growth. The Sabbath services are well attended. Two Prayer-meetings are sustained with a good degree of interest; one is held among the families which constitute the south side of the congregation. Our Sabbath-school is in a flourishing condition.

Kingston, Second. The regular Sabbath services have been rendered without interruption, the Prayer-meetings held as usual, and the Sabbath-school conducted with much interest, but the results we would like to have seen have not been experienced. Since last November we have been without a pastor, but now, thankfully anticipate having this much needed want supplied, as the church has called the Rev. S. D. Noyes to the pastorate, and he has signified his acceptance. We trust the new relation about to be formed may be productive of much good with the blessing of God. Our prayer is that the Lord will revive us with the gracious influence of His Holy Spirit.

Krumville. Our Church, by the grace of God, is moving steadily forward. Peace and Christian fellowship reign throughout her borders. The Week of Prayer was duly observed, and the attendance on the Sabbath service has been good. Our weekly Prayer-meeting is well attended. The Spirit has manifested His converting power. Thirteen persons have united on confession of their faith. The Lord be praised!

Lyonsville. We are still without a pastor. Our service has been held irregularly the past Winter. The Sabbath-school is sustained during the pleasant season. Our Sabbath evening Prayer-meeting has been well attended.

Marbletown. In temporal matters our church may be considered in a healthful state. The balance of our indebtedness for some time hanging over the people has been extinguished, beside defraying the current expenses of the Church. A catechetical service is held weekly, conducted by the pastor, with a view to indoctrinate especially the young in the truths of the Heidelberg Catechism. The Sabbath-school is conducted with energy in general instruction and management. Christmas and Easter services are observed regularly by the Sabbath School, and with much interest. A spirit of harmony prevails, and by united earnest effort we hope for still greater blessings from the Lord of the harvest.

Marbletown—North Church. The attendance upon public worship has been equal to that of other years. Although we can report no considerable accession by confession of faith, yet by the serious attention of hearers, and by private conversations with them, we are encouraged to hope for a larger work of grace. The church is clear of debt.

New Paltz. The sanctuary services have been largely attended. We have not enjoyed a season of ingathering of souls. The Prayer-meetings in the Church, and in Springtown Chapel, have been well attended, but have suffered for want of help. We greatly need an awakening of zeal for the Master, and boldness to confess Him before men.

Rochester. We find cause for gratitude to God for His goodness to us. We have been blessed in the removal of a debt of long standing. The Sabbath-school enjoys its usual

prosperity. Prayer-meetings are attended by only the faithful few.

Rosendale. The ministrations of the Gospel have been maintained for eight months of the year. Since December our Church has been vacant. Our Sabbath-school, and the prayer-meetings are sustained. We hope the Good Shepherd will watch over the flock, and in due season send us a pastor.

St. Remy. The services are well attended, and the Sabbath-school is in a good condition. We are still supplied by Rev. Eugene Hill, pastor of the Esopus Church.

It is evident from these statements that as in the former year, so in this, our fourteen churches have done but little more than to hold barely, what had been gained in former times. There has been no considerable advancement; and even a retrograde movement in benevolence.

In temporal matters the churches are doing well, but there are wanting the signs of a rich spiritual prosperity. Some of our churches are without pastors and know not how to secure them. We respectfully call the attention of the brethren to their condition, that they may receive the counsel needed.

A pleasing characteristic of these reports is—that so many contain expressions of dependency on God, and of longing for His favor, similar to the Psalmist's desire, when he prayed—"My soul followeth hard after Thee, O Lord."

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.—Rev. E. Hill has been released from the charge of the Bloomingdale Church, and dismissed to the Classis of Ulster. The pastoral relation existing between Rev. James Demarest, Jr., D. D., and the Second Church of Kingston has been dissolved, and a call has been extended by them to the Rev. S. D. Noyes, who will be installed May 9th. Rev. A. Westveer having been dismissed from the Rosendale Church has been commended to the Classis of Orange. The Licentiate George Le Fevre has been dismissed to the Classis of Hudson.

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. WYCKOFF, *Chairman.*

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

Your Committee on the State of Religion would respectfully report as follows:

Four churches out of the twenty-one in the classis, viz., those of Williamsburgh, Locust Valley, Laurel Hill, and Jericho, have failed to send in their consistorial reports.

From the examination of the statistical tables and statements that have been placed in the hands of the committee, it does not appear that many of the churches have experienced a season of special revival, yet Bushwick, Greenpoint, German Ev., Brooklyn, Second Astoria and College Point, have been blessed with large ingatherings of souls on confession of faith; while South Bushwick leads the list in the column of additions by certificate, twenty-five having added themselves to her communion in that way.

We note as a subject for thanksgiving the large amount of the contributions for religious and benevolent purposes, some three times the average sum given by the Classis during the last five years.

Ten thousand dollars of this amount is due to the noble generosity of the senior elder of the Church of Newtown, but with this taken into account it still remains true that the general average of the benevolence of the churches is above that of last year.

While the additions on confession and certificate have exceeded the removals and deaths by two hundred, this does not appear in the total of membership for two reasons: through a mistake of the printer in last year's report, one of the churches was credited with one hundred more members than it actually had, while during the present year another of the churches has for the first time since 1866, revised its rolls, cutting off one hundred and seventeen names.

Jamaica reports: "Our work has been carried on regularly, and we believe much good has been done. We regret that there has been no greater spiritual interest among us resulting in a larger number of conversions to Christ, and in greater progress in the divine life among Christians," yet in the matter of benevolence the tables show a decided advance on the contributions of the previous year.

Newtown says: "The year with us has been one of sunshine and shadow. Blessings innumerable have been showered upon us. . . . The Word has been faithfully preached, and yet we have received no special manifestation of the converting power of the Holy Ghost. . . . Our Sabbath-schools are in a prosperous condition, and have increased in their efficiency. We also note with sincere gratitude the liberal gift of our senior elder, Mr. G. Kouwenhoven, of $10,000, towards the endowment of Hope College, and pray God to enrich him yet more abundantly with His grace."

Oyster Bay. The consistory append to their statistical table these statements: "Our Church has been measurably prospered. We have paid off a debt of several hundred dollars. . . . and our income is increasing. We celebrated the 150th anniversary of the Church, during the past year, with appropriate and interesting services. . . . A young people's meeting has been begun, with no little interest and promise."

North Hempstead. The report of this Church is full of a spirit of thankfulness. "The outlook is very encouraging." After speaking of those added to the Church, it continues: "We believe that others are standing ready to unite with us. The Church has taken a step forward in resolving that hereafter all the Boards of our Church shall have a place in the schedule of collections."

Astoria records nothing special in addition to the facts given in the statistical tables. "The work of the Church has gone on regularly, the amount for benevolence being somewhat larger than last year."

Flushing testifies to "an encouraging gain over that of the year previous, as regards the number in attendance upon the services of the Church, the increase of membership, and enlarged contributions. . . The utmost harmony has prevailed. . . Large repairs to the church edifice last summer imposed an additional burden, but the entire amount, $1,200, was raised by a spontaneous effort in four days."

Greenpoint has been richly blessed, both in temporal and spiritual interests. "We have had more than usual religious interest. . . At the Communion in March, fifty united with the church on confession of faith. . . . Others are ex-

pected at the next Communion. Our two Sunday-schools have enjoyed a marked prosperity, and the Industrial School, having 158 children in attendance, is accomplishing much good."

South Bushwick adds nothing definite to its statistics, but these bear witness to a gratifying progress in the various departments of the Church's work. The benevolent contributions are much greater than in their last year's report.

Second Astoria has also enlarged its benevolence. "There has been a steady and healthful activity. . . . The instruction of the youth and catechizing of the same has been faithfully attended to."

East Williamsburgh is still without a pastor, yet they say "We have had two services a month during the past year. Our Prayer-meetings have been well attended, the Sunday-school has been sustained and a Bible Class for the benefit of young teachers has been started."

Queens shows a year of peace and growth. A second Sunday-school has been organized at Hyde Park, a small village in the outskirts of the congregation, and already it has one hundred scholars in regular attendance. It is the purpose of the Church to erect a building for this Sunday-school as soon as possible, and more than $1,100 were contributed for this purpose the second Sunday in March.

German Ev. Brooklyn reports that the health of the pastor has been so much impaired that he has been compelled to secure an assistant. The Church debt has not decreased, yet as the Consistory say, "we have more reason for thankfulness than for complaint. Our Sunday-schools, both morning and afternoon, are full," and there have been 39 additions on confession.

Sayville shows an advance in its two columns of contributions as well as in the number of accessions. "God has been good to us. . . . . Even the cross was made a blessing. . . . Death has taken one who was loved by the whole congregation, the pastor's beloved wife."

College Point has been called to pass through great sorrow in the death of the esteemed wife of the pastor, and the report in allusion to this speaks of how this sorrow has bound the pastor and people even closer together in heartfelt sympathy.

The statistical tables indicate faithful work and the evidence of the Divine blessing upon that work.

First Reformed, Long Island City, sets forth its condition in these words: "We suffer much from the changing population. Our Prayer-meetings are well sustained. The Sunday School room is now in order, $300 having been expended for that purpose. The interest in the Bible Class is very good."

Bushwick presents a most encouraging statistical table, and adds: "The past year has been one of prosperity, both in temporal and spiritual matters. Sixty-eight have been added to our communion, our mortgage has been reduced one thousand dollars, and twelve hundred dollars have been deposited in the Savings Bank as a building fund."

German Ev., Jamaica says: "The spiritual condition of our Church is such that we can thank the Giver of all good gifts. We have enjoyed peace and unity. The attendance on our services has been regular and fair." The debt of $2,000 has been reduced to $1,300.

The following changes have taken place:

The pastoral relation between Rev. A. De Witt Mason and the Church of Locust Valley has been dissolved, and he has been dismissed to the South Classis of Long Island.

The Rev. Abram I. Martine was installed on May 18th, '82, as pastor of the Church of North Hempstead.

The pastoral relation between the Church of Oyster Bay and the Rev. John A. Davis has been dissolved, and he has been dismissed to the Classis of Newark.

Rev. Henry A. Powell has been dismissed to "the Manhattan Congregational Association," the relation between him and the Church of Bushwick having been severed.

Rev. J. B. Wilson has been dismissed to the Classis of Orange.

We record with sorrow the death of the licentiate Isaac W. Warner, a member of the German Ev. Church of Brooklyn, E. D.

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. HAINES, *Chairman.*

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

The Committee on the State of Religion would respectfully report. In examining the reports of the churches we find much to encourage the faith, stimulate the zeal and intensify the activities of God's people. The Churches have made a steady advance in all that pertains to the great work of building up the Redeemer's Kingdom. There have been no marked revivals of religion, but a constant and steady progress in the development of Church life and power.

Brooklyn speaks of growth intensively in spirituality and Christian character and life; of the excellent spirit which prevails, and increasing numbers in attendance upon the morning service of the Sabbath and the weekly Prayer-meeting, but mourns the loss by death of some of the large-hearted givers of the Church.

Flatbush also mentions the loss of honored and faithful servants of the Lord, whose presence and co-operation are sadly missed—two of them Fathers in Israel, and three in middle life. There is a deepening interest in spiritual things; activity and energy in the Sunday-school work, and an increase in the cause of benevolence.

The *Mission* connected with the Church is in a prosperous condition, and has done efficient work under the ministration of its pastor, Rev. C. S. Wright, who has now been called to another field of labor.

New Utrecht reports a year of blessing through the regular channels of Church work. God has been present in the dispensation of His Spirit, and all the Church work has proceeded in a spirit of peace and harmony, and with results which are not disheartening. Death has also been doing its work, and some, honored and loved, have been called home, whose loss is mourned, while the affliction has been sanctified to the spiritual good of the Church.

Gravesend continues the record of sorrow in the unusual number called from their work to their reward. Not in a decade of years has their membership been so depleted in a single year from this cause. Still there is no despair. The Church moves onward though the workers fall. Services well attended, Sunday-schools increasing in members, render the

prospect hopeful, and "the faith of the Church is looking for better things to come."

Flatlands has been called to part with its pastor, Rev. Anson DuBois, and his successor has not been chosen.

New Lots reports "a good condition temporally, and fair condition spiritually"—a prosperous Sunday-school, Sabbath services and Prayer-meetings well sustained, the spirit of benevolence continued, but feels the need of, and prays for the reviving influences of the Holy Spirit.

East New York has had a year of change. In May last their pastor, Rev. W. J. Hill, resigned his charge. In November Rev. Daniel Van Pelt took up the work, and is carrying it forward with success. There is a growing interest in numbers and spirit in the congregation—the Sunday-school prospers, peace and harmony and Christian liberality abound.

South Brooklyn has likewise experienced changes, but is cheered with the manifest presence and blessing of God. Rev. A. D. W. Mason was called to succeed Rev. H. V. S. Myers, and both pastor and people are encouraged with the present condition of the work and its prospects for the future. Extensive and needed repairs to their neat and commodious House of Worship have been made, the roll of members and families has been revised, the services are heartily sustained, and an increase in attendance and spiritual interest is marked.

Middle Brooklyn continues the record of change. Rev. E. P. Ingersoll, D.D. has been called to another part of the great vineyard, and his people parted with him with regret. The regular services of the Church have not been interrupted and God's blessing has been continued, with unanimity and heartiness. A call has been extended to Rev. W. H. Ford, of Mattawan, N. J., and the church is looking forward with pleasing anticipations to his settlement as pastor.

Twelfth Street reports a year of signal blessing. At each communion season there have been additions on confession of faith, and the Church has been materially strengthened by families who by certificate from other churches have united with it in worship and in work. There have been serious losses, too, by death or removal, some of the best workers being thus included. Still there has been substantial gain

Nearly four thousand dollars of debt have been paid, and all the Boards of Benevolence have been sustained.

The North Church reports that "it has pleased God to take to their rest some of the most faithful and useful of their people." One of them, the senior elder of the Church, "a lineal and worthy descendant of the eminent Jonathan Edwards," and identified with the Church almost from its beginning. Another "a man of great vigor of character, of resolute integrity, of earnest godliness expressed far more in deeds than in words—with this record of loss sustained there is the gratifying statement of the coming forward of the young to take the places of the fathers, and of their education "in holy principle," and that the experience of the year has been one "of quiet but constant blessing."

The Church-on-the-Heights thanks God, and takes courage, in view of the year's results—steadily increasing Sabbath morning congregations, a greatly quickened spiritual life, a marked religious interest in the Sunday-school, with hopeful conversions, and an enlarged spirit of Christian benevolence, have made the year memorable.

The Mission at *Bethany* chapel under the faithful care of Rev. J. Whitehurst has also been prospered of God. In all departments of the work there has been a real advance, and "its benevolent contributions have been larger than ever before."

New Brooklyn rejoices in peace and prosperity. They have enlarged their church building during the year; have been blessed with conversions, and maintained their regular Church work with vigor and heartiness.

Bedford has made a marked advance, and passed through a year of true prosperity. They have become the possessors of the building in which they worship, by the earnest efforts and sacrifices which have been made. God has blessed His word, sinners have been converted and the Church strengthened.

Second Flatbush gives only its statistical table which shows eleven received on confession of faith.

Canarsie praises the Lord for His presence and blessing. Sinners have been converted, believers have been strengthened

in faith, and there has been encouraging progress in all the departments of Church work.

St. Thomas, (West Indies). This Church, now under the ministration of Rev. Anson DuBois, a member of this Classis, as stated supply, has been received into the Classis and presents its first report, showing a good degree of spiritual life. They have "a good church building and a good parsonage, both well located and free from debt," and the prospect of the Church is hopeful.

U. D. GULICK, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

Your Committee appointed to report upon the State of Religion in the Churches connected with this Classis, find it a pleasure to bear testimony to the promptness with which clerks of Consistories have forwarded their statistical tables, and rendered easy the work assigned to the Committee. There is a pervading spirit of hope and courage in the majority of the reports submitted which is animating. In several of the churches large accessions have been made to the membership, and as we are taught by St. Paul that we are members one of another, the growth of any single branch is truly the glory of the whole vine. Your Committee feel it incumbent upon them to recognize two fresh sources of life, indicated within the Classis during the past year. The one, is that awakened *esprit du corps* of the olden times, by which ministers and elders from all the churches have been brought together in social conference, speaking one to another at the home fireside of the things which pertain to the Kingdom. The other is the outgrowth in practical service of the Semi-Centennial Convention of the Board of Domestic Missions held at Newark, N. J., last fall. A letter will be laid before you, from the Vice President of the Women's Executive Committee, ordered to be formed by the General Synod, and appointed at the Convention, which letter announces their efficient organization, and properly applies for the recognition of two ladies, as a Classical committee, to further the work of Domestic Missions in our churches. The impetus given to Foreign Missions by the ardent love and unremitting toil of the Sisters of the Spiritual Household, waits

with modest patience to reveal its equal power upon the domestic field, if so be the golden sceptre of the King shall be graciously extended. We bless God for these signs of vigorous life. The statistical columns are commonly filled, yet many churches need specific information with respect to the blank "Baptised Non-Communicants." Who are the baptised members in distinction from communicating members? In the order of their standing upon the roll, the churches testify as follows:

Collegiate reports "the regular maintenance of the preaching of the Word, and administration of Ordinances. Though unmarked by excess of additions above former years, there has been manifest an evident presence of the Lord's spirit. The attendance at the churches has been noticeably larger in the mornings, while in the chapels it has been larger in the evenings. A growing interest is manifested in the enlisting of the affection and attachment of the young for the Church of their fathers. The use of the Catechism as a book of instruction in the schools is a feature of growing importance and usefulness. In *Twenty-ninth Street* especially, we mourn the removal by death of many members."

Harlem rejoices in "a full church at every service, an overflowing Sabbath-school, a mid-week service largely attended and deeply interesting, a lovely spirit of harmony throughout the parish, and many persons residing miles away never missing a service. Conversions still occur under the simple preaching of the Gospel, and the work in this section is unparalleled."

South presents a revised roll of membership for the first time in twenty years, which necessarily reduces the numbers, but gives the actual strength of the Church. The past year has been one of satisfactory gradual development, in which all branches of Church work have been brought up to a healthy condition.

Staten Island enjoys "two weekly prayer meetings at different points, regularly and well maintained. There is marked prosperity in the two Sabbath-schools, and we fondly trust that the hearts of some, touched by the Holy Spirit, will soon declare themselves on the Lord's side."

Bloomingdale sends cheering words from that long neglected and disheartening field. Last year there was but one Sabbath

service held, with an average attendance of less than twenty persons. There was a dilapidated church building, no income, no prayer-meeting, and merely a legal organization. This year we possess, by God's blessing, a church edifice, the model of cheerfulness and comfort, an income ample to meet expenses, a congregation constantly increasing, which nearly fills the auditorium, the Sabbath-school organized and equipped, a weekly Prayer-meeting well attended, and a pastor actively at work.

Madison Avenue reports "a year of quiet, healthy growth, with deepened spiritual interest. The benevolent contributions have largely increased, being on some objects more than doubled. The year has been fruitful in missionary labor, an auxiliary to the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions and a Young Men's Society for Home Work having been organized. The twenty-fifth year of the Church's life has been a year of organization for an active and glorious future."

Thirty-fourth Street laments the discouragements incident to a change of pastorates, but rejoices in the prompt selection of an under-shepherd amply qualified for his work. They praise God for His goodness to them, and confidently hope for a prosperous year. They have revised their Church roll, which accounts for the discrepancy in present and past estimates of membership.

German Evangelical Mission, recounts steady growth, both in membership and in works of faith and love. In benevolent contributions, the Church, without extra effort, has doubled the gifts of previous years. In the Sabbath School they find occasion to thank God for success.

Richmond. No report.

Union High Bridge reports the year as one of encouraging Christian work and of hopefulness for the future. There has been a marked increase in attendance upon the Lord's Day, and through the adoption of the Liturgy an awakened interest in the mid-week services.

Huguenots grieves over its deprivation of a pastor, and feels confident of growth if Classis would provide in a measure for their support. The Sabbath-school is well attended and the Heidelberg Catechism is taught with regularity and precision.

St. Paul's gratefully acknowledges God's presence in the

unity, peace and prosperity of the Church. It rejoices in the hope that two of its young men now in the Union Theological Seminary, will this year enter upon the work of the ministry.

Fourth German adds, "with deep sense of gratitude to God, we record a large accession to our membership, and the realized, hope of a self-sustaining Church. We also anticipate at the twenty-fifth anniversary of our organization, May 24th, to cancel the debt yet remaining upon our church edifice.

Prospect Hill says: "We are called to exercise the grace of gratitude in that we are favored with the able, valued and loving ministrations of our senior pastor, together with the special blessing of God upon our choice of an associate pastor of zeal and energy in the Lord's work."

Holland records with gratitude her power to maintain a place in the roll of sister churches. The Gospel has been steadily and faithfully preached. Though the Church membership is small, the pastoral ministration is extended to all the immigrants who annually arrive at the port of New York and make their residence in any part of the United States. Not a Hollander arrives from the Fatherland but is greeted by the pastor of the Church of the Netherlands, and sent upon his way with benedictions.

Brookfield, Ct. No report.

Mattoax and Amelia Court House. No report.

Ave. B German Evangelical reports a year of great blessings, spiritual and temporal. The membership has largely increased and the Sabbath-school is constantly growing.

Brighton Heights speaks loudly through its statistical table, of Church increase, enlarged donations, and faithful contribution to the several Boards.

Union Sixth Avenue acknowledges God's preserving care as an organized Church, but appeals to Classis for sympathy and help in maintaining this last down-town memorial of the "faith once delivered to the Fathers."

German, Norfolk Street, laments the loss of its pastor.

Kreischerville.—No report.

Mr. Edward J. Runk, of the Union Theological Seminary,

in accordance with a dispensation of the General Synod, has been licensed to preach, and dismissed to the Classis of Westchester. Mr. William M. Arnolt, of the Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., has also been licensed to preach. Rev. James Bolton has been dismissed to the Classis of Westchester. The pastoral relation existing between the German Norfolk Street Church and the Rev. G. L. Neef has been dissolved, and the Rev. Mr. Neef dismissed to the German Classis of Philadelphia, connected with the Reformed Church in the United States. Rev. Oliver H. Walser has been received from the Classis of Passaic, and installed as Associate Pastor of the Prospect Hill Church. Rev. Carlos Martyn has been dismissed from the Thirty-fourth Street Church, and installed as pastor of the Bloomingdale Church.

Rev. J. A. Billingsley has been received from the Miami Presbytery (Ohio), of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Respectfully submitted.

E. S. FAIRCHILD,
Chairman.

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.

The following churches have sent no reports: Callicoon, Kerhonkson and Mamakating. Your Committee is happy to report a decided growth in many churches. God's blessing has been with us. Words of good cheer come from many quarters. An encouraging fact is that all the churches of the Classis have now settled pastors except two. There has been much debt paying and beautifying of churches; a large prevalence of peace and harmony, and in several churches there have been gracious revivals. We find the additions on confessions of faith to be 109, by letter 69, making a total addition of 178. Removals have been by dismission, suspension and death 141, leaving a gain of 37. This compared with last year indicates a gain of 67. This may not appear in the total number in communion because several churches have revised their list of membership. In benevolence we notice a slight falling off, which may be due to the fact that several churches have been struggling with debts but who now promise to do better.

Berea lost their pastor last summer but has settled another. God's work progresses quietly in the midst of peace and happiness and they are looking for blessed results.

Bloomingburgh though without a pastor for part of the year, enjoyed the means of grace. In December they settled a new pastor. The interest in Church work increases. There have been several accessions to the Church since that time. The prospects are good. A children's monthly service is attractive. They feel the loss by death of elder P. A. Decker, a man full of faith and prayer.

Claraville has received goodness and mercy from the Lord. A goodly number has been added to the Church.

Cuddebackville—No remarks.

Deerpark acknowledges the divine favor. A new and beautiful parsonage has been built; the Church services are well attended. Accessions have been regular. They feel their littleness of faith, and pray that the Lord would revive His work.

Ellenville has enjoyed great prosperity, a time of gracious refreshing. The debt has been fully provided for. Praise is given to God who of old led this people like a flock by Moses and Aaron.

Fallsburgh says that the present has not been especially a bearing year. Many of those who live near the Church have no heart for religious things. The sacrament of infant baptism has been administered as in no previous year. Benevolence has grown, and present need is the quickening power of the Holy Spirit.

Grahamsville rejoices in a new church dedicated to God in November. Special meetings were begun in January with gracious results. Nineteen hopeful conversions were made.

Minisink—No remarks, but from several indications the new pastorate seems to be well begun.

Montgomery reports the celebration of her 150th anniversary. The services were filled with history of pleasant memories of the past. The Church has issued a little book containing a full account of the proceedings. They speak of many evidences of the presence of the Spirit. No especial manifestation of His power.

Newburgh has revised its roll of membership. The many dismissions are accounted for by the fact that long absent members have been asked to take their letters. $9,500 have been pledged to pay the debt.

New Hurley—None have confessed and yet it has been a year of peace and spiritual growth, and larger gifts.

New Prospect says the means of grace have been enlarged without interruption. The gracious results of prayer are seen only by the all-seeing Eye, yet with hope they labor on and pray for the outpouring of the Spirit.

Shawangunk reports a prosperous Church. Seats all rented and church newly carpeted; much harmony and a growing spiritual interest. They have taken a debt of $300 in hand. A Bible Class of young and old gives promise of success.

Unionville is still waiting upon the Lord. They believe His word shall not return unto Him void.

Walden—Health, peace and prosperity are enjoyed. There is good attention, though without any special spiritual interest. The interior of the church has been improved at a cost of $1,700. With thanks they remember God as the giver of every good and perfect gift.

Walkill Valley—The Church was never in a better temporal and spiritual condition. Prayer seems to abound and it availeth much. They are working at their debt and as it goes special interest grows.

Walpack (*Upper*)—No remarks.

Walpack (*Lower*) reports with sadness no gains in membership. They speak of valuable losses by death. Services interrupted by inclement weather and affliction in pastor's family; some special services held with hopes of fruit.

Wawarsing reports a pleasant pastoral relation, and a Church in good working order and with a good degree of interest shown. They hope for God's continued favor.

Rev. Dr. Mills, Rev. Turner, and Rev. Spaulding each gave a statement of their work during the past year.

Ministerial Changes—Rev. J. B. Wilson has been received into the Classis. Rev. Herman Hegeman has been received from the Classis of Raritan and ordained to the ministry at

Cuddebackville. Rev. John Stillwell has been received from Classis of Raritan and ordained to the ministry at Montague. Rev. P. K. Hegeman has been received from the Classis of New Brunswick and ordained to the ministry at Shawangunk. Rev. P. H. Milliken has been dismissed to the Classis of Paramus. Rev. Westveer received from Classis of Kingston.

Respectfully submitted,

G. D. LYDECKER, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

Your Committee would respectfully report, that no one of the churches within our Classical border has been watered by any such copious showers of divine grace, as have fallen upon not a few of the churches of our denomination elsewhere. Yet the prevailing tone of the reports received and considered, is gratefully hopeful. The manifestations of the spirit of worship, of work and fellowship, of Christian benevolence, have been quite as cheering as they have been in former years.

All the signs of religious life in our churches authorize the expectation of richer blessings, when the Lord of the Harvest shall answer our prayers, and pour out his Spirit so abundantly that "the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water."

This general comment is borne out by the words of the churches:

First Poughkeepsie says: "Attendance, on the whole, has been encouraging. The Sabbath-school and Young People's Prayer-meeting are prospering. The ladies of the Church have been unusually active in works of benevolence."

Second Poughkeepsie emphasizes the prosperity of the Prayer-meeting and Sabbath-school, and the large contributions given.

Hopewell, while lamenting the lack of additions and the oppression of debt, tells of the great interest shown by Bible classes in the study of the Scriptures.

Fishkill-on-Hudson says: "While the past year has not been

one of marked blessing, it has nevertheless been one full of occasions for gratitude to our Heavenly Father. The Prayer-meetings have been well sustained, the young people's meeting especially having been favored with increasing numbers and a fervent spirit of prayer and praise."

Rhinebeck is saddened by the loss of "an unusually large number of members through deaths and removals from the village." There is here an expectation of accessions to the Church at the next communion.

Glenham, too, bemoans the departure of a quarter of the number of the families of the Church occasioned by uncontrollable events, yet records "with gratitude and praise, the manifestations of Supreme Power in our behalf," and enters "upon the labors of the new year with faith and hope."

Millbrook says it "has reasons for earnest prayer, as well as ground for thanksgiving." Prayer for deeper spirituality; thanksgiving that some have joined Christ's followers. Our losses have exceeded our gains, but in this respect our future is brighter than our year's record."

No "remarks" accompanied the Statistical Reports of the churches of *Fishkill, New Hackensack, Hyde Park, Cold Spring.*

We record with gratitude the recovery to health of our brother, Rev. H. N. Cobb, and with gladness his entrance into the service of our Board of Foreign Missions, as Corresponding Secretary. Rev. S. Van Vechten and Rev. H. Heermance have been called to their heavenly reward.

Respectfully submitted.

J. ELMENDORF, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.

The Committee on the State of Religion have received reports, statistical and explanatory, from all the churches in the Classis, except those of Greenburgh and Hastings.

A comparison of the statistics with those of last year will show ground for encouragement, and ground for solemn inquiry and for more earnest zeal. While the Classis should be

thankful for what the churches have accomplished, it should also urge every one of them, pastors and people together, to consecrate themselves more entirely to the glorious work which the Divine Master has committed to their hands.

Better than any *resumé* which the Committee can present will be the reports themselves, sent in by the several Consistories for the purpose of exhibiting the results of the last year's labors. Taking the churches in alphabetical order, they speak as follows in regard to their past progress and their present situation and prospects:

Bronxville. Compared with last year's report there is a falling off as to contributions, the number of Sabbath-school scholars, and the total in Communion. This is due to a change in pastors, with accompanying oversight of collections, to death and removal of members, and to a thorough revision of the roll. The present pastor has labored to bring the Church into perfect harmony with the denominational life of the Reformed Church, and to this end has introduced the study of the Church Catechisms, from which we may expect, with the Divine blessing, much good to come. Church services are now held invariably without regard to weather, and Mission services at Union Corners have been maintained every Sabbath afternoon, except Communion Sabbaths, instead of once a month as formerly, with gratifying interest on the part of the attendants. The Heidelberg Catechism has been regularly explained every Sabbath morning from the pulpit according to the Constitution, and in a class on Thursday, under the pastor's personal care, and a schedule of annual collections has been prepared to include every benevolent object recommended by the General Synod. Pastoral visitation is faithfully performed.

Cortlandtown. Our work here is up-hill, but we are progressing slowly, and there are signs of higher attainment in spiritual life, and better work for God and our fellow-men. The old Church holds her own, and our Church on Verplanck's Point is in a very hopeful state. We believe that the Holy Spirit is at work upon the minds and hearts of many of this people, and we trust in due time there will be a gathering of the harvest into the garner of the Lord.

Fordham. Our growth is quite similar to last year's, except

an increase of a few more families, and that our amount for religious and benevolent purposes is not quite equal to last year. This is not owing to any lessening of zeal or benevolence, for in these, there has been an increase as our recent Ladies' Convention manifested. But the pastor's health preventing his yet resuming entire charge, the congregation called his son as an assistant pastor at a salary of $1,000. Thus, instead of a falling off, there has been a large increase, at least in congregational outlay. The reflex influence of the Ladies' Missionary Society, and our interesting Sabbath-school, together with the earnest and efficient services of the assistant pastor, have been most happy in fostering a spirit of piety as well as benevolent activity in the congregation. All the services are well sustained. Our Sabbath-school continues very prosperous. There is only one complaint, viz.: the time allotted to the lessons is too short. Out of the nursery of the Church new converts continue to come in. The Prayer-meeting has doubled in attendance. We can truly say "Ebenezer."

Greensburgh. No report.

Greenville. This Church is circumscribed externally in its field of labor, and its growth is restricted internally by the small number of inhabitants within its boundaries. The aggregate of wealth in the congregation is small, and yet out of their limited means they contribute willingly and liberally, both for the support of the Gospel in their midst, and for the Boards of our Church, and deserve marked commendation for so doing. The weekly Prayer-meeting has been sustained and some blessed fruits gathered from the same. The attendance at the regular services on the Sabbath has largely increased during the year. The Sabbath-school is in a flourishing condition.

Hastings. No report.

Melrose. The services on the Sabbath have been generally well attended, a good many strangers coming regularly, but the condition of our streets in Winter time prevents the old people from attending regularly in the evening. Weekly services are not so well attended, as almost all our male members work in in the city, and cannot be home in time. Our Sunday-school is in a prosperous condition, although we have a great want of

efficient officers and teachers. An increase of seven members can be reported, a cheering result for our Church, as a good many of our neighboring population are afraid of pecuniary sacrifices, our Church being in debt, and so many assessments to be paid. The ladies' society is working with zeal, and aids our Consistory heartily in our pecuniary troubles. So, trusting in the Lord, who has helped so far, we commence the new year with courage, hoping that He will not let us want in the future.

Mount Vernon. The year has been one of general prosperity, accompanied by quiet growth. The attendance on the preaching of the word has steadily increased, and all the departments of Church life have had a fair measure of success. The temporal interests have been managed with foresight and skill, and a slight reduction has been made in the mortgage debt, which is now our greatest hindrance to a vigorous and blessed spiritual advance. We report twice as many this year received on confession as last. The outlook for the future in our rapidly growing town is bright, and our prayer is that we may all see the work which the Lord has committed to our hand. Gratefully acknowledging the favor of God in the past, we pray earnestly for the future.

Peekskill. A feeling of great hopefulness prevails at the present time in our Church. Our people have shaken off the feeling of despondency, and have recently become possessed of new energy and life. There seems a determined effort on the part of all, by the help of God, to regain their lost ground as a Church. Harmony and peace prevail in the Church, and efforts that have been put forth to secure a better financial basis have been remarkably successful beyond our most sanguine expectations. A floating debt of nearly $900 is gradually wearing away, like snow before the sun, which we hope to have entirely cancelled by the 1st of May. All the running expenses of the Church are promptly met, and the congregation is kept posted quarterly, as to the precise financial condition of the Church, and the confidence of the people in the financial management is greatly restored. Several families that had become disaffected and withdrawn have returned, and three or four more are promised to us the 1st of May. There is a perceptible increase in our audiences, and the

majority of our people are very regular attendants upon the services of the sanctuary. Our Sabbath-school, under the superintendence of Dr. Gregory, has been re-organized, and under his management is receiving a new impetus and life. We feel it is our privilege to-day to lift up our banners and say—"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

First Tarrytown. As well as figures can, the statistical report shows what has been done during the past. It has been a year of steady faithful work, of continual good feeling and unbroken harmony, but the review of the year presents little that is striking, or that calls for remark. Our tables show that we have not labored in vain, and that we have reason to be encouraged as we stand at the threshhold of another year.

Second Tarrytown. The regular services on the Sabbath, and through the week, have been maintained as usual. The the tone of spirituality among us we regret to say, has not been what we could wish, and yet there have been many tokens of Christian consecration and fidelity to cheer the heart. Although we have received twenty-one members into communion since our last report, our real gain has been only five. This is owing chiefly to the large number of deaths during the year, amounting to eleven, and among them two of our honored Elders, Benson Ferris, Sr., and Captain Jacob Storms, both familiar to the Classis. The Ladies' weekly Prayer-meeting, and the Woman's Missionary Society, lately reorganized, so as to take in both the Home and the Foreign work, have proved valuable helpers in the cause of Christ. The Sunday-school seems to be in a prosperous condition, and the weekly teachers' meeting has been happily restored. It is with devout gratitude that we report the payment of the entire mortgage debt upon the church, an incubus that had too long weighed upon it. All things considered, we feel that we ought to thank God and take courage.

Unionville. There has been no material change during the past year, except a slight increase in the membership. There is a healthy interest promising growth. The Sabbath-school is in a very prosperous condition.

West Farms. There have been no conversions in our Church or Sunday-school, but there is an increased interest in both. Our last report gave 90 as the total number of scholars. This

year we report 146. The number of families attending the preaching of the word this year we report as 55, against 42 last year. The attendance at our Sabbath morning services is steady, but at the evening service we have a gain of at least 75 per cent. Our prospect is encouraging, for which we thank God and work on. Our Church is small numerically. We are a unit. The ladies have formed themselves into a "Co-operative Society," and have for their special object the cancelling of a $1,400 mortgage, our only debt. Brethren, pray for us, that we may soon be able to get on without help from our Domestic Board, be able to help others more, and be instrumental in saving our village from Satan's power.

Yonkers. For two or three years we had felt the absence of any special spiritual power with our work. Religious services were of course steadily maintained and attended as usual. But spirituality seemed to languish, and conversions were few. Some among us, however, are always earnest in prayer. Within the last two or three months there has been a decided awakening of many of God's people, and we have been blessed with the conversion of souls. Our services are more largely attended, and listening to the word has become more intent. We feel encouraged, and ask the prayers of our brethren that this work may grow, and many souls be won for the Lord Jesus Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. TODD, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF ARCOT.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS						POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes. R.	A.	P.	Congregational Purposes. R.	A.	P.	
Arcot	Moses Nathanael	34	5	...	...	...	1	41	2	2	....	15	2	45	46	10	8	50	10	3	Arcot, Madras Presidency. Ind.
Yehamur	" "	137	6	...	...	2	...	54	12	1	10	121	6	95	17	10	11	29	15	3	" " "
Chittoor	Andrew Sawyer	29	2	1	1	1	...	47	2	2	93	4	1	70	75	1	1	112	6	2	Chittoor, " "
Kottapalli	" "	83	9	...	4	6	4	93	10	9	341	98	...	.....	14	10	..	63	..	3	" " "
Arnee	Zechariah John	19	2	1	2	1	...	20	1	....	17	2	2	.....	18	9	9	20	2	6	Arnee, " "
Vellambee	" "	33	7	2	2	2	...	50	2	5	8	15	4	.....	17	4	..	16	4	9	" " "
Marutuvambadi	" "	14	4	...	...	1	...	23	10	4	3	.....	1	11	4	6	..	3	11	2	" " "
Madanapalle	Jacob Chamberlain, M.D	125	3	...	2	2	2	64	3	3	90	274	5	430	95	14	11	93	1	4	Madanapalle, " "
Palamanair	" "	10	...	2	...	...	...	9	...	...	20	2	1	31	17	8	8	34	12	..	" " "
Vellore	Jared W. Scudder, M.D.	72	7	19	12	...	4	119	10	1	152	16	3	287	157	11	5	78	9	..	Vellore, " "
Coonoor	" "	86	5	1	9	...	3	130	11	5	200	.....	1	305	89	1	7	124	10	..	" " "
Kandiputur	" "	96	11	...	...	...	1	118	15	11	107	71	5	366	9	6	4	16	2	3	" " "
Sokadu	" "	88	8	1	...	...	1	104	11	8	83	54	3	307	9	2	6	15	2	6	" " "
Kattupadi	Abraham William	143	10	...	...	...	4	224	20	10	30	139	8	148	20	4	..	107	11	5	" " "
Tindivanam	John H. Wyckoff, (s.c.)	16	2	5	2	2	1	30	3	2	67	1	1	125	53	4	4	53	14	5	Tindivanam, " "
Allicndal	" "	31	2	...	4	...	...	42	8	1	7	21	2	137	5	8	..	8	8	..	" " "
Gnanodiam	" "	67	3	6	...	3	...	90	5	...	....	.....	5	301	14	6	2	25	15	5	" " "
Kalapakam	" "	20	...	...	...	...	...	32	3	...	34	16	2	82	7	7	8	9	2	8	" " "
Narasinganur	" "	59	5	2	...	...	1	74	6	6	70	79	2	220	12	2	6	31	3	8	" " "
Orathur	" "	112	47	1	...	5	2	126	29	41	155	57	6	414	23	14	9	33	..	4	" " "
Sattambadi	" "	78	18	2	2	...	1	101	22	13	110	53	9	323	53	4	3	28	4	2	" " "
Varikkal	" "	41	26	2	2	4	6	54	13	18	75	14	3	162	6	6	10	17	10	9	" " "
	Total	1393	182	45	42	29	31	1645	198	142	1672	1052	72	3859	739	12	4	973	14	3	

Other Ministers.—John Scudder, M.D., in charge of Arnee Station; John W. Conklin, in charge of Chittoor Station; Lambertus Hekhuis, M.D., in charge of Arcot Station.

Candidate.—Catechist, Paul Bailey.

A rupee is worth fifty cents.

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Hudson	William Smith	226	3	8	5	1	3	476	3	1	.....	.....	1	300	2,860 77	5,776 50	Hudson, N. Y.
First Claverack	William J. Leggett	110	12	9	3	...	5	*235	8	3	70	75	3	160	171 13	2,138 10	Claverack. "
Second Claverack	Arad J. Sebring	200	11	4	7	...	4	187	....	5	.....	.....	2	200	539 85	1,631 10	Mellenville, "
Linlithgow	Thos. S. Dusinberre, (s.c)	90	.....	.....	4	...	4	114	3	....	.....	.....	1	80	200	1,658 95	Livingston, "
Greenport	William D. Perry	86	3	1	3	...	1	*197	1	1	.....	113	2	173	550	2,150	Hudson, "
Germantown	James Wyckoff	108	1	6	...	...	4	174	3	1	100	.....	1	120	75	1,166	Germantown, "
Upper Red Hook	Ezekiel C. Scudder	90	1	2	8	...	3	162	1	....	50	.....	1	120	380 81	3,220 16	Upper Red Hook, "
West Copake*	James C Garretson	80	5	....	4	...	5	105	9	2	93	.....	1	105	44 88	1,016 06	West Copake, "
Gallatin	William H. Todd	77	2	....	2	...	4	158	1	1	30	.....	1	75	137 15	727 80	Mt. Ross, "
Livingston Church [At Linlithgo.]	George Le Fevre	56	4	....	5	...	4	* 35	....	4	33	.....	1	62	38 72	858 82	Linlithgo, "
	Total	1123	42	30	41	1	37	1848	29	918	375	188	14	1396	4,998 31	20,348 49	

Other Ministers.—John S. Himrod, Hudson, N. Y.

*Formerly Taghkanic.

*Revised List.

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.		
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.			
Bloomingdale	Vacant	70	5	1	1	...	1	116	8	5	55	96	1	128	$14 90	$462 90	Whiteport,	Ulster Co.,	N.Y.
The Clove	Wm. H. Vroom	150	10	2	8	...	4	243	11	4	219	75	2	280	190 21	1,817 22	High Falls,	"	"
Dashville Falls	Vacant	43	...	...	15	...	1	142	...	...	...	...	1	115	6 36	323 14	Rifton Glen,	"	"
Guilford	C. E. Lasher	100	7	2	2	...	6	97	4	...	98	85	4	175	80 80	1,200	Gardiner,	"	"
Hurley	DeWitt B. Wyckoff	75	5	3	1	...	2	142	8	1	185	50	1	112	153 50	1,128 48	Hurley,	"	"
Kingston, Second	S. D. Noyes, P. E	141	1	1	8	...	5	321	8	...	137	182	1	268	257 49	3,165 83	Kingston,	"	"
Krumville	Paul T. Deyo	54	13	1	...	...	2	97	11	3	.....	40	1	80	11 27	450	Samsonville,	"	"
Lyonsville	Vacant	50	...	...	...	...	1	90	...	...	.....	50	1	71	... .	90	Lyonsville,	"	"
Marbletown	V. M. Hulbert	285	8	2	10	...	8	249	3	4	.....	60	1	... ...	65 36	940 48	Stone Ridge,	"	"
Marbletown, North Ch.	V. M. Hulbert	56	1	3	2	...	...	113	1	...	.....	150	1	80	48 33	332 34	"	"	"
New Paltz	A. Vennema	60	1	3	2	...	3	434	9	...	355	45	6	246	378	2,605 46	New Paltz,	"	"
Rochester	John B. Church	140	8	2	1	...	3	183	6	3	.....	60	6	385	82	1,073	Accord,	"	"
Rosendale	Vacant	90	3	5	...	...	2	94	3	1	.....	.....	1	100	90	600	Rosendale,	"	"
St. Remy	Vacant	37	...	...	...	...	2	75	3	...	18	40	1	80	30 18	317 71	Creek Locks,	"	"
	Total	1515	62	25	50	...	40	2395	70	21	1060	933	28	2120	1,357 50	15,106 56			

Other Ministers.—Rev. J. R. Lente, Emeritus, Washingtonville, Orange Co., N. Y.; M. F. Liebenau, Rosendale, N. Y.; Rev. J. Ferguson Harris, (s.c.,) Kingston, N. Y.: Rev. Philip Peltz, Emeritus, Coeymans, N. Y.; Rev. James Demarest, Jr., Belleville, N. J.

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Jamaica	Wm. H. De Hart	150	7	3	10	...	4	279	8	1	.....	.....	1	112	$691	$2,867 42	Jamaica, N. Y.
Newtown	Chas. I. Shepard	95	1	...	8	...	2	199	9	.....	.....	.....	2	235	11,374 06	2,571 98	Newtown, "
Oyster Bay	Vacant	100	5	5	5	...	5	126	7	1	.....	.....	1	116	178 51	2,055 51	Glen Head, "
North Hempstead	Abram I. Martine	71	4	3	3	...	2	94	4	1	.....	.....	2	151	132 96	1,790 45	Manhasset, "
Williamsburgh	Elbert S. Porter	*200	...	...	...	...	...	450	...	...	.....	.....	3	800	.....	.....	Brooklyn, E. D..
Astoria	M. L. Haines	104	9	3	5	...	4	230	19	...	.....	119	1	280	707 77	3,418	Astoria, "
Flushing	O. E. Cobb	107	8	7	1	...	4	232	3	1	.....	90	1	160	583 57	4,600	Flushing, "
Greenpoint	Lewis Francis	222	54	4	10	1	10	†429	6	19	.....	.....	3	1022	917 96	5,724	148 Noble St., Brooklyn, E.D.
South Bushwick	George D. Hulst	150	11	25	6	...	1	260	4	3	.....	.....	1	650	310	5,350	15 Himrod St., " "
Second Astoria	C. D. F. Steinfuhrer	95	18	1	1	...	4	259	44	1	.....	25	1	175	100	900	Astoria, N. Y.
East Williamsburgh	Vacant	30	...	...	...	...	...	26	...	...	.....	35	1	90	117 37	142 17	
Queens	Andrew Hageman	100	9	3	5	...	1	140	9	4	.....	140	2	287	546 05	3,120 48	Queens, "
German Ev., Brooklyn	John M. Wagner	290	39	2	2	...	15	†453	65	...	.....	380	2	780	553 70	3,560 32	315 Graham Av., B'klyn, E. D.
Sayville	G. Van Emerick	43	5	2	4	...	1	52	1	...	.....	21	1	140	26 02	534 72	Sayville, N. Y.
Locust Valley	Vacant	*55	...	...	...	...	...	63	...	...	.....	.....	1	100	.....	.....	Locust Valley, "
College Point	Herman C. Berg	78	18	5	2	...	1	125	15	...	.....	.....	1	175	192 34	2,246 61	College Point, "
Laurel Hill	Vacant	‡47	...	...	...	...	...	25	...	...	.....	.....	1	85	.....	.....	Long Island City, "
First Ref., L. I. City	Ernest Gutweiler	39	5	...	...	...	...	37	8	...	.....	.....	1	105	.....	750	" "
Bushwick	Vacant	316	58	10	3	...	9	462	17	22	.....	.....	1	1200	306 93	8,463 26	Brooklyn, E. D., "
German Ev., Jamaica	Henry Frech	50	10	....	6	...	...	157	6	....	.....	9	1	63	87	1,479 71	Jamaica, "
Jericho	Vacant	*22	...	....	....	....	....	14	....	....	.....	.....	1	40	.....	.....	Jericho, "
	Total	2354	261	73	71	1	63	4142	225	53	.....	819	29	6766	$16,777 26	$49,569 63	

Other Ministers.—Rev. E. E. Atwater, Brooklyn, E. D., N. Y.; Rev. Jefferson Wynkoop, Cuba, N. Y.; Rev. J. B. Alliger, New York City; Rev. W. H. Ten Eyck (s. c.) New Brunswick, N. J.; Rev. John Wenisch, Newark, N. J.; Rev. Wm. Ferris, 220 South Fifth Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

†Revised. *Last year's report. ‡Report of 1881.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Brooklyn	David N. Vanderveer	182	12	3	12	...	3	319	6	3	.....	121	2	621	4,883 44	9,122 62	95 Livingston St., B'klyn, N.Y.
Flatbush	C. L. Wells	115	3	2	8	...	5	235	4	.....	.....	200	1	350	6,425 39	4,000	Flatbush, Kings Co., "
" Mission	Vacant	55	1	1	...	...	1	35	3	.....	.....	.....	1	80	178 76	.....	
New Utrecht	Alfred H. Brush	100	4	7	2	1	6	239	4	2	.....	100	3	330	753 28	2,905 57	New Utrecht, " "
Gravesend	A. P. Stockwell	120	4	2	...	...	9	204	17	.....	.....	125	2	195	693 58	2,031 30	Gravesend, " "
Flatlands	Vacant	80	5	...	...	...	3	187	9	.....	.....	196	2	271	497 57	2,829 02	
New Lots	Nicholas Pearse	70	2	1	2	...	...	175	7	...	.....	50	1	160	611 97	2,138 85	East New York, " "
East New York	Daniel Van Pelt	80	1	1	8	...	1	111	1	.....	.....	200	1	325	356 19	2,998 60	" " "
South Brooklyn	Alfred D. W. Mason	*62	3	2	5	...	2	*67	5	...	.....	75	1	225	19 28	2,202 40	1059 3d Av., Brooklyn, "
Middle "	Wm. H. Ford (P.E.)	100	8	16	27	...	10	500	14	1	.....	.....	1	272	907 49	7,190 30	309 President St., "
12th St. "	U. D. Gulick	220	42	38	27	1	17	650	32	12	.....	37 6	2	1402	915 37	10,780 08	257 12th St., " "
North "	Alex. R. Thompson	65	16	2	4	...	3	....	8	3	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	180 Clermont Av., " "
Ch. on Heights, B'klyn	Alfred J. Hutton	110	30	3	15	...	9	382	4	5	....	42	2	450	8,345 12	8,136 57	165 Hicks St., " "
New Brooklyn	Jacob Weber	110	20	1	3	...	1	310	77	.....	.....	25	1	300	112 60	3,400	772 Herkimer St., " "
Bedford	Walter T. Griffin	172	29	28	...	...	1	213	15	4	.....	150	1	240	102	8,524 80	674 Bedford Av., " "
Second, Flatbush	C. H. Schwarzbach	52	11	....	....	....	1	94	16	....	.....	7	1	60	14 51	531 20	Flatbush, Kings Co., N.Y.
Canarsie	Conrad Dickhaut	24	9	....	....	1	2	60	18	....	.....	7	1	60	17	507 28	East New York, " "
St. Thomas, West Indies	Anson DuBois, S. S.	40	18	....	....	....	2	112	6	....	.....	40	1	58	25	2,255 61	St. Thomas, W. I.
	Total	1757	218	107	113	3	76	3893	241	30	.....	1714	25	5399	$24,857 50	$69,564 15	

Other Ministers.—Revs. John A. Lansing, 430 Gates Av., Brooklyn; Jacob West, 34 Vesey St., N. Y.; John M. Ferris, 34 Vesey St., N. Y.; Daniel Rapelye, Amoy, China; Robert G. Strong, (s.c.) Flatbush, L. I.; John M. Van Buren, Nyack, N. Y.; Jacob Whitehurst, Bethany Chapel, 104 Willoughby St., Brooklyn; David S. Sutphen, Bloomfield, N. J.

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New York (Collegiate)	Thomas E. Vermilye...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 West 56th St., N. Y. City.
	Talbot W. Chambers..	705	58	42	34	...	22	1915	17	.....	.....	1429	7	2529	$39,122 10	.....	70 West 36th St., "
	William Ormiston.....																17 West 32d St., "
	Edward B Coe.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	42 West 52d St., "
Harlem.....	George H. Smyth.....	250	65	39	20	...	4	473	7	15	22	594	1	594	638 40	457 86	183 East 116th St., "
South New York.....	Roderick Terry.....	140	29	5	17	...	5	*344	9	1	115	.....	3	654	6,272 12	12,857 70	169 Madison Ave., "
Staten Island.....	James Brownlee.....	154	2	3	4	...	6	262	4	.....	.....	200	2	400	757	4,850	Port Richmond, N. Y.
Bloomingdale.....	Carlos Martyn.....	55	3	9	2	...	...	55	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	60	.....	.....	439 West 73d St., N. Y. City.
Madison Avenue.....	Edward A. Reed.....	151	12	17	14	...	7	272	11	2	142	216	2	566	2,416 80	24,900 12	34 East 58th St., "
Thirty-fourth Street....	†James M. Dickson.....	188	4	14	39	...	9	*386	6	.....	.....	100	1	180	574	5,510	
German Ev. Mission....	Julius W. Geyer.....	185	66	....	6	...	10	550	27	3	...	60	1	500	2,709 71	1,816 07	78 Second St., "
Richmond, Staten Isl'd	Vacant.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Stapleton, N. Y.
Huguenots. "	Vacant.....	17	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	46	.....	.....	.....	70	1	70	9 26	840	" "
St. Paul's, Mott Haven.	Hasbrouck Du Bois.....	105	11	6	8	...	6	244	15	3	.....	.....	1	460	450	9,850	578 East 145th St., "
Union, High Bridge....	Hasbrouck Du Bois, S.S.	37	2	2	1	..	2	50	3	....	35	.....	1	86	308 05	845 64	" " "
Fourth German.....	John H. Oerter.....	80	54	....	4	...	1	389	40	...	100	250	1	450	231	2,435 10	248 West 40th St., "
Prospect Hill.....	D. McL. Quackenbush..	90	8	4	15	...	4	172	8	....	107	216	1	420	746 69	2,839 44	222 East 87th St., "
	Oliver H. Walser																129 East 86th St., "
Holland...	Arend H. Bechthold....	30	6	3	2	...	...	73	8	1	....	12	...	.....	251 25	309 93	279 West 11th St., "
Brookfield, Conn.....	Vacant.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Brookfield, Conn.
Avenue B, German Ev..	Jacob Schlegel.....	91	64	1	2	...	2	498	70	....	70	30	1	275	238	2,108 47	602 Fifth St., "
Brighton Heights,.... ..	William Walton Clark..	98	27	3	8	...	6	304	9	3	102	240	1	325	507 88	4,830 83	Tompkinsville, N. Y.
Union, Sixth Avenue...	E. S. Fairchild.....	190	2	4	8	...	4	293	7	1	.....	175	1	230	385 34	3,907 15	433 West 19th St., "
German, Norfolk Street.	Vacant.....	150	48	.....	.....	...	15	450	35	.....	.....	35	1	300	200	1,000	
Mattoax & Amelia C. H.	Vacant.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kreischersville, Staten I.	Vacant	39	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	44	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	101	.....	.....	Kreischersville, Staten Island.
	Total.....	2675	462	159	184	...	108	6820	276	90	693	3627	28	8150	$55,817 53	$71,858 81	

Foreign Missionaries—Rev. Leonard W. Kip, Amoy, China; Rev. C. H. H. Wolff, Japan; Rev. E. Rothesay Miller, Yokohama, Japan, *in transitu*.

Mission Pastors.—Rev. J. H. Berthoif, 160 West 29th St., New York; Rev. Abraham Thompson, (s.c.), 514 Ninth Ave., New York City; Rev. Joseph R. Duryee, 112 West 47th St., New York; Rev. G. S. Plumley, P. O. Box 787, New York City; Rev. F. M. Kip, Chaplain Benevolent Institutions, Tompkinsville, N. Y.; Rev. John A. Billingsley, 444 West 23d St., New York City.

Other Ministers.—Rev. Enoch Van Aken, Emeritus, New Brunswick, N. J.; Rev. J. B. Steele, Canajoharie, N. Y.; Rev. C. M. Jameson, Somerville, N. J.; Rev. John Forsyth, Newburgh, N. Y.; Rev. William H. Miller, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Rev. J. H. Sinclair, Stapleton, N. Y.; Rev. Aaron Lloyd, Belleville, N. J.; Rev. G. H. Mandeville, 327 East 124th St., New York City; Rev. William L. Johnson, Missionary, Orangeburg, s. c.; Rev. F. N. Zabriskie, Claverack, N. Y.; Rev. A. J. Park, (S. S.) Weston, Conn.; Rev. A. G. Vermilye, Englewood, N. J.

Candidate.—W. Muss Arnolt, John Hopkins, University, Baltimore, Md. †Pastor Elect. *Revised List.

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.

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Berea	Rev. A. Westveer	70					1	128	1			20	1	104			Walden,	N. Y.
Bloomingburgh	J. B. Wilson	51	5	8	1		1	106	1	2			1	76	25 05	879 21	Bloomingburgh,	"
Callicoon	Carl Schmolz																Callicoon,	"
Claraville	R. P. Milliken	30	10		2			66	1	3		10	2	60	5	75	Claraville,	"
Cuddebackville	Herman Hageman	56		1	5			57	1				1	129	15 07	429	Cuddebackville,	"
Deerpark	Goyn Talmage	190	10	5	3		6	285	10	3		150	2	450	904 07	8,723 78	Port Jervis,	"
Ellenville	Jno. Hutchins	88	20	12	13		7	*199	1	13			1	140	185 29	4,450	Ellenville,	"
Fallsburgh	Walter S. Brown	90	3	6			1	117	11				1	80	58	706	Woodbourne,	"
Grahamville	R. P. Milliken	37	19	1	3		1	100		14		13	1	50	6 20	880	Grahamville,	"
Kerhonkson																	Kerkonkson,	"
Mamakating	John DuBois																Wurtsburo,	"
Minnisink	J. L. Stillwell	85	2	3				85					1	75	3 18	519 25	Montague,	N. J.
Montgomery	Ferdinand S. Schenck	185	8	4	4		8	398	10	3		150	1	150	1,174 37	1,854 68	Montgomery,	N. Y.
Newburgh	H. V. S. Myers	197	5	16	33		4	*407	8	4			2	175	214 66	7,640 65	Newburgh,	"
New Hurley	R. H. Beattie	104			1		1	152	8						110 49	1,111 22	New Hurley,	"
New Prospect	John T. Demarest	78	1	1	4			137		1			2	97	100		Pine Bush,	"
Shawangunk	P. K. Hageman	90	4	2	7		4	200	8	1		50	4	150	118 60	1,577 89	Bruynswick,	"
Unionville	R. P. Milliken, S. S.	34	3				1	36		3		10	1	60	4	100	Grahamville,	"
Walden	M. V. Schoonmaker	80	7	6	9		2	185	6	2			1	175	285	2,500	Walden,	"
Walkill Valley	Richard DeWitt	70	5	2	4		1	100	5	1		37	1	82	159	1,560	Shawangunk,	"
Walpack (Upper)	Vacant	68	1	1	2		1	51	2	1			2	80	20	575	Dingman's Bridge,	Pa.
Walpack (Lower)	H. L. Rex	70			1		3	145	3			80	2	120	28 75	744 20	Bushkill,	Pa.
Wawarsing	G. D. Lydecker	61	4	1	2		2	89		1		40	3	190	82 78	1,120 50	Napanoch,	N. Y.
	Total	1734	107	69	94		44	2956	76	52		560	30	2443	$3,449 51	$35,445 38		

Other Ministers.—Rev. S. W. Mills. Port Jervis, N. Y.; Rev. Jno. A. Staats, Goshen, N. Y.; Rev. William E. Turner, Elmsford, Westchester Co., N. Y.; Rev. E. W. Bentley, Canton Center, Hartford Co., Conn.; Rev. G. S. Garretson, Dingman's Bridge, Pike Co., Pa.

*Amended Roll.

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
First Poughkeepsie	A. P. Van Gieson,(s. c.)	190	8	25	10	...	7	*422	2	3	.....	.....	1	290	2,452 59	3,698 72	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
Second Poughkeepsie	J. Elmendorf	130	14	10	6	...	6	*240	3	4	61	.....	1	133	2,289 63	5,104 87	" "
Fishkill	M. B. Thomas	81	1	7	2	...	1	180	2	1	.....	104	1	104	98 60	2,628 60	Fishkill, "
Hopewell	C. H. Polhemus	145	....	....	....	...	4	254	2	....	.....	20	2	125	217 59	1,190 60	Hopewell Junction, "
New Hackensack	Henry Ward	100	2	3	....	...	2	158	...	....	...53	45	5	210	326 60	1,205 92	New Hackensack, "
Hyde Park	C. R. Blauvelt	60	5	2	3	...	3	117	1	4	.....	15	1	55	106 18	1,664 45	Hyde Park, "
Fishkill-on-Hudson	Charles W. Fritts	120	9	1	....	...	2	273	2	3	.....	.....	1	195	546 98	3,400 35	Fishkill-on-Hudson, "
Rhinebeck	L. Walter Lott	100	1	....	8	...	5	*202	....	....	.....	.....	1	130	293 34	1,304 83	Rhinebeck, "
Glenham	William W. Schomp	38	3	3	1	...	4	55	....	....	.....	.....	1	90	51 02	654	Glenham, "
Cold Spring	" " "	34	3	5	....	...	2	46	3	1	.....	.....	1	79	.....	837	Cold Spring, "
Millbrook	J. Edward Lyall	71	6	5	12	1	2	111	6	6	150	.....	3	128	67 13	1,410 30	Millbrook, "
	Total	1069	52	61	42	1	38	2058	21	22	264	184	18	1529	$ 6,449 66	$23,099 64	

Other Ministers.—Rev. H. Dater, Hawthorne, N. J.; Rev. C. S. Hageman, Nyack, N. Y.; Rev. A. Mattice, Pine Plains, N. Y.; Rev. G. R. Garretson, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Rev. H. N. Cobb, 34 Vesey St., N. Y.

*Revised List.

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.			C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Bronxville	Edward J. Runk	45	....	1	5	....	2	*86	3	....	*14	75	1	70	$133 65	$1,470 63	Bronxville, N.Y.
Cortlandtown	Joseph A. Harper	80	3	....	....	....	3	86	....	....	.....	45	2	120	52	1,586	Monrose, "
Fordham	William Anderson	65	5	3	....	....	....	99	2	3	.....	....	1	110	681 25	3,394 63	Fordham, New York City.
Greenburg		20	....	....	....	....	....	14	....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	
Greenville	James Bolton	26	3	5	1	....	....	*49	1	....	.....	25	1	42	44	800	Scarsdale, N. Y.
Hastings	M. M. Curtis, P.E.	70	....	....	....	....	....	140	....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	Hastings-on-Hudson, "
Melrose	John E. Lang	58	14	....	....	....	7	113	17	....	127	10	1	349	62 95	1,160 56	Morrisania, N. Y. City. "
Mount Vernon	Chas. K. Clearwater(s.c.)	143	12	8	1	....	3	303	8	1	.....	....	1	270	619 85	5,857 63	Mount Vernon, "
Peekskill	A. Messler Quick	55	1	1	3	1	1	110	1	1	.:...	62	1	98	100 30	1,079 13	56 Seventh Ave., B'klyn, "
Tarrytown, First	John K. Allen	102	13	5	4	....	6	255	3	5	.....	....	1	231	589 95	3,045 57	North Tarrytown, "
Tarrytown, Second	John A. Todd	100	10	11	5	....	11	334	....	2	.....	56	1	100	689 62	3,548 56	Tarrytown, "
Unionville	Howard Harris	59	2	....	....	....	2	85	....	2	85	60	1	90	102 10	1,200	Neperan, "
West Farms	Harlan P. Blair	55	....	2	....	....	1	51	3	....	....	....	1	146	43 79	785 54	1995 Woodford St., N. Y. City.
Yonkers	David Cole	150	11	7	15	1	9	352	9	7	108	230	1	230	652 36	3,834 98	Yonkers, N. Y.
	Total	1028	74	43	34	2	45	2077	54	21	334	563	15	1856	$3,721 82	$27,763 23	

Other Ministers.—Rev. Washington Roosevelt, Pelham Manor; Rev. Wm. Brush, Morristown, N. J.; Rev. L. H. Van Dyck, Merritt's Corners, Westchester Co.; Rev. Wm. W. Rand, American Tract Society, Nassau St., New York City; Rev. John Simonson, Plainfield, N. J.; Rev. Alex. Watson, Agent of New York Bible Society, Sing Sing. N. Y.; Rev. George A. Ries, 164 St. Marks Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Candidate,—Henry J. Bogardus, M.D., Yonkers, N. Y.

*Amended Roll

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK, FOR YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 1883.

CLASSES.	Churches.	Ministers.	Number of Families	Receiv'd		Total now in Communion.	Baptized		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. & B. S. & S			CONTRIBUTIONS.		STATED CLERKS.
				On Confession.	On Certificate.		Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Arcot	22	10	1393	182	45	1645	198	142	1672	1052	72	3859	$369 50	$486 50	John H. Wyckoff.
Hudson	10	11	1123	42	30	1843	29	18	375	188	14	1396	4,998 31	20,348 49	T. S. Dusinberre.
Kingston	14	13	1351	62	25	2395	70	21	1060	933	28	2120	1,357 50	15,106 56	J. Ferguson Harris.
North Long Island	21	21	2354	261	73	4142	225	53	*436	819	29	6766	16,777 26	49,569 63	W. H. Ten Eyck.
South Long Island	18	24	1757	218	107	3893	241	30	*2144	1714	25	5399	24,857 50	69,564 15	Robert G. Strong.
New York	22	40	2675	462	152	6820	276	29	693	3627	28	8150	55,817 83	71,858 31	Abraham Thompson.
Orange	23	24	1714	107	69	2958	76	52	*45	570	30	2643	3,449 49	25,636 47	Edward W. Bentley.
Poughkeepsie	11	15	1069	52	61	2058	21	22	264	184	18	1529	6,449 66	23,099 64	A. P. Van Gieson.
Westchester	14	20	1028	74	43	2077	54	21	334	563	15	1856	3,722 82	27,763 23	Chas. K. Clearwater.
Total	155	178	14464	1460	605	27831	1190	388	7023	9650	259	33718	$117,799 87	$303,432 98	

*Last Year's Report.

ARTICLE VIII.

CLASSICAL MINUTES.

The Committee on Classical Minutes reported by its sub-committees on the Minutes of each of the Classes as follows, and the reports were accepted and adopted:

Classis of Hudson.—The Committee on the Minutes of the Classis of Hudson report that they are found correctly kept.

In answer to the second constitutional question, six churches replied "yes," three "no." To the 3d question all replied "yes."

Resolved, That the attention of the Classis be called to the negative answers, and secure, if possible, affirmative answers in every case.

M. B. THOMAS, *Chairman.*

Classis of Kingston.—The Committee on the Minutes of the Classis of Kingston respectfully report that they have examined the minutes and find them very neatly and properly kept.

All the questions in accordance with Art. 7, Section 7, on ministerial faithfulness, were answered in the *affirmative* by each Church with settled pastors. Vacant churches record no answers. We have here a record which cannot fail to commend itself to the approbation of this Synod.

A. M. QUICK, *Chairman.*

North Classis of Long Island.—The Committee on the Minutes of the North Classis of Long Island have duly examined them, and find them correct.

Constitutional questions: 1st, answered affirmatively by all present except Sayville; 2d, answered affirmatively by all present except Newtown, Oyster Bay, North Hempstead, Flushing, Greenpoint, South Bushwick, Queens, Locust Valley, 1st Long Island City, Bushwick.

Resolved, That the North Classis of Long Island be enjoined to see that the churches answer affirmatively to questions 1 and 2, Art. 7, Sec. 7, of the Constitution.

N. PEARSE, *Chairman.*

South Classis of Long Island.—The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the South Classis of Long Island respectfully report that the Minutes of said Classis have been duly examined and found correctly kept. Your committee cannot but express its pleasure that the constitutional questions have been so generally answered in the affirmative, question 2d being answered negatively by only one of the churches represented.

O. H. WALSER, *Chairman.*

Classis of New York.—The Committee on the Minutes of the Classis of New York respectfully report that they have examined the Book of Minutes of said Classis, and have found the same correct with the exception of the minute relating to the dissolution of the pastoral relation between the Rev. G. L. Neef and the German Norfolk Street church, said minute omitting to state that the request presented to Classis for the dissolution was in due form, and also that the meeting of consistory was moderated by a neighboring minister of said Classis.

Resolved, That the attention of the Classis of New York be called to the omission specified herein, in the record of their minutes.

Constitutional Inquiries: 1st, all affirmative; 2d, two negatives; 3d, two negatives; 4th, one negative; 5th, all affirmative; 6th, all affirmative; 7th, four negatives.

Resolved, That the attention of the Classis of New York be called to the propriety of recording the number of collections taken for the Boards of our Church, when there are any deficiencies in the number of these collections.

JAMES BOLTON, *Chairman.*

Classis of Orange.—The Committee on the Minutes of the Classis of Orange would report as follows: We have examined the Minutes and find that at a special session of the Classis held Sept. 18, 1882, the date when the consistory of the Church of Berea held its meeting for the purpose of requesting from Classis a dissolution of the pastoral relation between Rev. P. H. Milliken and said Church is omitted; and would recommend that their attentio n be called thereto.

We find ten churches answer "no" to the 2d Constitutional question. Three answer "no" to the 3d; one answers "no" to the 4th, and two answer "no" to the 7th.

We would suggest that the attention of the Classis be called to these matters, and especially to the matter of family visitation in one case, and catechising of the youth in another.

J. WHITEHURST.
D. JEWELL.

Classis of Poughkeepsie.—The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the Classis of Poughkeepsie respectfully report that the said Minutes have not been presented to this body for examination, and recommend that the attention of the Classis of Poughkeepsie be called to this omission.

WM. H. VROOM, *Chairman.*

Classis of Westchester.—The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the Classis of Westchester would report that they have examined the same, and find them well kept, and nothing calling for the special attention of this Synod, excep: that the constitutional questions were answered as followst Cortlandtown, all except the 7th; Melrose, Mt. Vernon, and Peekskill, all except the 2d; First Tarrytown, all except 2d and 3d; Second Tarrytown, all except 1st; West Farms and Yonkers, left blank.

Your committee would recommend that the attention of the Classis of Westchester be called to the number of negative answers contained in their report.

C. E. LASHER,
Chairman.

ARTICLE IX.

CLASSICAL APPEALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE X.

CLASSICAL REFERENCES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XI.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XII.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIII.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIV.

SCHOOLS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XV.

STUDENTS IN THEOLOGY.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVI.

SIGNING THE FORMULA.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVII.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS.

Attended to by Committees on Classical Minutes.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SYNODICAL INJUNCTIONS.

Injunctions included under reports of Committees on Classical Minutes.

ARTICLE XIX.

PARTICULARIA.

The first hour of Tuesday afternoon, after the organization, was passed in devotional exercises, under the lead of the President of the Synod.

The first half hour of Wednesday morning's session was also spent in devotional services under the leadership of Rev. O. H. Walser.

The Communion of the Lord's Supper was celebrated on the afternoon of Wednesday. The Form for the Administration of the Supper was read by the President of the Synod. The Bread was administered by Rev. Ed. B. Coe, and the cup by Rev. E. A. Reed. The distribution was made by the elders, Wm. Smith, Geo. Vosburgh, Andrew Hegeman, and Ditmas Jewell.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the appointment of Rev. Daniel Van Pelt by Rev. Anson Du Bois, to take his place as Stated Clerk for this session of Particular Synod, be and hereby is confirmed by the Synod.

A special committee, consisting of Revs. H. C. Berg, John A. Davis, and Wm. H. Vroom, was appointed to make arrangements for the public religious exercises in connection with the sessions of this Synod. Their report was accepted and adopted, and provided for the exercises as follows :

The Synodical sermon to be preached as recorded.

The Communion to be administered as recorded.

Rev. L. Walter Lott to read his paper on "The Spiritual Growth of the Churches," during the hour for devotional exercises on Tuesday afternoon.

Rev. John A. Davis to read his paper on "The Children and the Church," after the Synodical sermon on Tuesday evening.

Rev. Roderick Terry to read his paper on "The Church and the Labor Question," on Wednesday morning at 10:30 o'clock.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be extended to Revs. L. Walter Lott, John A. Davis and Roderick Terry, for

e excellent papers they presented on the respective subjects assigned to them.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the Committee on Nominations select subjects, and assign papers on the same, to be presented at the next annual session of Particular Synod.

The Committee reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

1. That a paper be read on the "Relations of Christianity and Science," by the Rev. E. B. Coe, of New York.

2. That a paper be read on the "Causes and Tendencies of Popular Skepticism," by the Rev. William Smith, of Hudson.

3. That a paper be read on the "Relations of the Church to the College and the Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J.," by the Rev. U. D. Gulick, of Brooklyn.

D. N. VANDERVEER, *Chairman.*

The Committee appointed at the meeting of Particular Synod in 1882, "to consider the propriety of celebrating the Lord's Supper, in connection with the meetings of this body," reported, the report being read by Rev. Jas. Demarest, Jr., Chairman of Committee. The report was accepted, and referred to the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business, whose report was accepted and adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee beg leave to report, that they have received into their hands the following report of the Committee appointed at the session of 1882, "to consider the propriety of celebrating the Lord's Supper in connection with the meetings of this body":

The Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Particular Synod of New York "to consider the propriety of celebrating the Lord's Supper in connection with the meetings of this body," respectfully report that they have given the subject their serious attention, and beg leave to submit the following facts and considerations:

The reorganization of the Particular Synods of the Church was effected in 1870. In the year following, 1871, the report of a Committee of this Synod on Devotional Exercises contained the following, viz: "Your Committee do not include in this Order of Exercises the celebration of the Lord's Supper,

believing that the profitable observance of that ordinance supposes a previous preparation of mind and heart, which the ordinary routine of business is not particularly calculated to promote. There is, however, no reason why the Synod may not at any time when it shall seem to be desirable devote a portion of its time to the observance of this sacred ordinance. The Committee, however, are not prepared to recommend its observance as a standing rule of Synod." The meaning of this action evidently is that the celebration of the Lord's Supper shall not form a part of the ordinary proceedings of this Synod in its stated meetings, but that such celebration, if it occurs at all, shall be an occasional thing, determined by the special action of the Synod, in exceptional circumstances. Accordingly there is no record of the celebration of the Lord's Supper by this Synod until the year 1881, the way having been prepared for this by a change in the Rules of Order, adopted upon the report of a committee on the subject in 1880. By that action the former Rules of Order that had governed this Synod were set aside, and the General Synod's Rules of Order were substituted, with very slight alterations, in their place. One of these rules provides that "the Lord's Supper shall be observed on the afternoon of the second day" of the meeting. In accordance with this rule the observance took place in 1881, and again last year, 1882. At that time, however, some discussion arose as to the propriety of including this service in the exercises of the Synod, resulting in referring the subject to your Committee, with instructions to report upon it at the present session.

In the judgment of your Committee, the original action of the Synod on this subject, after its re-organization in 1870, was more in accordance with the proprieties of the case than the later action of three years ago. The reason assigned in connection with that action for not including the celebration of the Lord's Supper in the devotional exercises of the Synod is one which cannot but commend itself to our sober judgment. The preparation of the mind and heart needful for the suitable observance of that holy ordinance can with difficulty be secured in the midst of the ordinary routine of business. It may indeed be said that the business of the Synod ought to be transacted with so devout a spirit that its mem-

bers should be ready for this service at any time; but one cannot but feel after all that there is a peculiar solemnity in this crowning act of religious worship which demands something more than the ordinary devoutness of Christian men and even of Christian ministers. The opportunity for quiet meditation and prayerful communion with God, as preparative to the more mysterious Communion of the Supper of our Lord, cannot but be coveted by every soul that seeks to promote, by means of this holy ordinance, the glory of God and its own spiritual profit; and such opportunity cannot be found in the midst of the distractions inseparable from a proper attention to those matters of ecclesiastical business which the Synod is convened to transact.

It is to be observed that the rule of the General Synod, which provides for the observance of the Lord's Supper on the afternoon of the second day, places that service in the early part of the meeting, before the business has fairly begun. This rule, however, applied to the Particular Synod, places the service at the end of the meeting, when, in addition to the drawbacks to its proper performance already noticed, there is apt to be an impatience to get away, causing not a few to leave beforehand, and promoting a disposition on the part of those who remain to keep one eye on the time lest a too lengthy service should conflict with the time-table of the railway. The working of this rule, therefore, in its application to the Particular Synod, seems to be peculiarly unfortunate. If the Lord's Supper is to be celebrated at any time during the meeting of the Synod, it should not be in the closing hour with its multiplied distractions. The opening session, or as near it as practicable, would seem to be far more appropriate. At that time there may be spiritual profit in the service such as there is not likely to be at any subsequent period, and especially at the close. An actual advantage, indeed, for the transaction of the business of the Synod, in the way of intensified devotion to the Master and the interests of His Kingdom, and a heartier out-going of brotherly love, might be derived from a devout observance of this holy ordinance when the brethren first come together, and seek, as they are wont to do now in a service of prayer and praise, the needful preparation for the duties before them. If the practice of celebrating the Lord's

Supper in connection with the meetings of this Synod is to be retained, your Committee are unanimously and earnestly of the opinion that the present arrangement is the worst possible, and that the best would be to place the service at or very near the opening of the meeting.

JAMES DEMAREST, JR., *Chairman.*

To this report were appended two recommendations, which the Committee on Overtures and Judicial were directed to consider. In regard to these your Committee recommend that they be so far amended as to leave the rule of Particular Synod on this subject in the following shape: That the Synodical sermon be preached as heretofore, on the evening of the first day of the session of Synod, and that the Lord's Supper be celebrated on the evening of the same day, immediately after the sermon.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. DAVIS, *Chairman.*

The following action was taken in regard to the death of the Rev. Polhemus Van Wyck, President of Synod:

"*Whereas*, It hath pleased Almighty God to summon to Himself since last session of Particular Synod, our brother beloved Rev. Polhemus Van Wyck, President of Synod,

"*Resolved*, That the following extract from the sermon of the retiring Adsessor, Rev. Giles H. Mandeville, be spread upon the records, as expressing the sentiments of Synod:

"Our Father in Heaven has called to His crown His child and servant, Rev. Polhemus Van Wyck, who one year ago was elected by this Synod to be its President. His strong and stalwart frame gave promise of a goodly number of years yet, in the service of our Lord. Those of us whose knowledge of him goes back tocollege and seminary days mourn the departure of Brother Van Wyck as a personal loss. His genial smile, his earnest greeting with strong voice and stronger grip of the hand that were always sure to be given; his simplicity and guilelessness of heart, his steadfast and fervent friendliness; his tender and sympathetic spirit, his lowliness of mind, his unquestioning faith, his earnest piety, his great love to

our Saviour and his delight in His service, were conspicuous qualities, and endeared him to our hearts. No one who ever knew him would ever speak other than kindly words of him. Having completed his work, he has entered into possession of the gift of eternal life, bestowed by divine grace. Having finished his course, he wears the crown. We cherish his memory. We enter upon our minute-book our tribute of appreciation of his worth. We listen to his stilled voice, and from the midst of the impressive and eloquent silence we hear the voice which repeats the declaration of the Apostle: 'Yea, doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus, my Lord.' We hear the admonition from his absence to-night (for *he* would have stood in my place): 'Preach the word; be instant in season and out of season; make full proof of thy ministry.' We seem to see heaven open over our heads, and from out of it to hear his cheering, earnest tones saying to us: 'A little more work, a little more sacrifice, brethren, and then comes the rest of immortality.' Yea, in his removal from his place on earth we hear the exhortation of the Master by the Spirit to each of us: 'Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee the crown of life.'"

Resolved, That a copy of this minute be forwarded by the Stated Clerk to the widow of our deceased brother.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the Rev. Rufus W. Clark, D.D., of the Particular Synod of Albany, be recognized and invited to sit as corresponding member of this Synod.

Particular Synod was invited by the Rev. Roderick Terry to meet at its next regular session in his Church, the South Reformed Church, of New York City.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk procure the printing of the usual number (450) of copies of the minutes of this session.

On motion it was

Resolved, That we record the appreciation of this Synod for the very cordial welcome of the Rev. William W. Clark,

and his congregation, and we would further tender our hearty thanks for their kind and sumptuous entertainment of Synod during its sessions.

ARTICLE XX.

THE QUESTORATE.

The Questor presented the following account, which was referred to the Committee on the Questorate:

PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK, in account with
THEOPHILUS A. BROUWER, *Questor*.

1882.		Dr.	
June 16.	To Cash paid Rev. Anson Du Bois, D.D., for salary as Stated Clerk to May, 1883	$100	00
16.	" Cash paid Rev. Anson Du Bois, D.D., for printing blank certificates	2	50
16.	" Cash paid Rev. Anson Du Bois, D.D., for traveling expenses, postage, &c	3	78
16.	" Cash paid Benjamin F. Everitt, for services as doorkeeper at Jamaica	5	00
20.	" Cash paid Hosford & Sons for printing minutes of 1882 (450 copies)	118	38
1883.			
May 1.	" Cash Balance due Synod to new account	140	67
		$370	33
1882.		Cr.	
May 8.	By Cash Balance from old account	$ 53	33
June 27.	" Cash from Rev. Wm. H. Ten Eyck, Questor North Classis of Long Island	52	00
Oct. 18.	" Cash from Robt. B. Shepard, Esq., Questor Classis of Hudson	24	00
" 21.	" Cash from Rev. Wm. H. Vroom, Questor Classis of Kingston	34	00
Nov. 14.	" Cash from Rev. W. S. Brown, Questor Classis of Orange	49	00
1883.			
Feb. 28.	" Cash from Rev. A. P. Van Gieson, D.D., Questor Classis of Poughkeepsie	28	00
March 1.	" Cash from Rev. Carlos Martyn, Questor of Classis of New York	56	00
" 31.	" Cash from Rev. J. A. Harper, Questor Classis of Westchester	32	00
April 18.	" Cash from Rev. R. G. Strong, Questor South Classis of Long Island	42	00
E. E.	NEW YORK, May 1, 1883.	$370	33

The Committee on the Questorate respectfully report that they have examined the accounts of the Questor, and find them correct.

WILLIAM SMITH, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XXI.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL SYNOD.

The following were appointed

Classis of Arcot.

Classis of Hudson.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Ezekiel C. Scudder.	Elder Geo. Vosburgh.
" William Smith.	" I. C. Newkirk.
" William N. Todd.	" Hiram Rowe.

SECUNDI.

Rev. William J. Leggett.	Elder Geo. Ostrander.
" George Le Fevre.	" Morris N. Miller.
" John S. Himrod.	" William Fritts.

Classis of Kingston.

PRIMARII.

Rev. John B. Church.	Elder Philip Dumond.
" James Demarest, Jr.	" Elijah DuBois.
" J. F. Harris.	" T. R. Westbrook.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Victor M. Hulbert.	Elder Henry Rouse.
" Calvin E. Lasher.	" S. J. Sears.
" M. F. Liebenau.	" William Smith.

North Classis of Long Island

PRIMARII.

Rev. Elbert S. Porter.	Elder Henry Beales.
" Ernest Gutweiler.	" Jabes Harris.
" William H. DeHart.	" Abm. S. Bergen.
" Lewis Francis.	" C. R. Ogden.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Oliver E. Cobb.	Elder Jas. R. Rayner.
" Andrew Hageman.	" James Van Nostrand.
" Herman C. Berg.	" A. H. Downer.
" Charles I. Shepard.	" Thos. S. Shepard.

South Classis of Long Island.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Alfred J. Hutton.	Elder F. J. Hosford.
" Alfred DeW. Mason.	" I. E. Bergen.
" John A. Lansing.	" A. A. Raven.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Nicholas Pearse.	Elder Peter Lott.
" Robert G. Strong.	" Ditmas Jewell.
" A. P. Stockwell.	" L. V. D. Hardenberg.

Classis of New York.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Talbot W. Chambers.	Elder John Van Nest.
" F. N. Zabriskie.	" William Wood.
" G. S. Plumley.	" Abm. C. Wood.
" Julius W. Geyer.	" R. N. Perlee.

SECUNDI.

Rev. A. G. Vermilye.	Elder William Bogardus.
" Giles H. Mandeville	" Wm. H. Jackson.
" E. S. Fairchild.	" H. A. Searle.
" John Forsyth.	" Charles Mott.

Classis of Orange.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Samuel W. Mills.	Elder J. C. Schofield.
" John Hutchins.	" James Bigler.
" Walter S. Brown.	" D. S. DeWitt.
" Henry V. S. Myers.	" Wm. Traphagen.

SECUNDI.

Rev. R. H. Beattie.	Elder Thos. J. Deyo.
" Edward W. Bentley.	" R. D. Cowles.
" Ferdinand S. Schenck.	" John A. Smith.
" Gilbert S. Garretson.	" W. H. Woodruff.

Classis of Poughkeepsie.

PRIMARII.

Rev. William W. Schomp.	Elder Sidney Scofield.
" C. R. Blauvelt.	" L. D. Barnes.
" A. Mattice.	" Abram Varick.

SECUNDI.

Rev. M. B. Thomas.	Elder Charles Vail.
" A. P. Van Gieson.	" Wm. R. Schell.
" Joachim Elmendorf.	" Wm. Bogardus.

Classis of Westchester.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Chas. K. Clearwater.	Elder J. H. Zabriskie.
" Harlan P. Blair.	" I. B. Lovett.
" Joseph A. Harper.	" J. H. Lent.

SECUNDI.

Rev. David Cole.	Elder J. G. Gregory.
" John K. Allen.	" George Stewart.
" Howard Harris.	" T. Fitch.

ARTICLE XXII.

INSTRUCTIONS TO DELEGATES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXIII.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Synod adjourned to meet in Annual Session in the South Reformed Church, New York City, on the first Tuesday of May, A. D. 1884, at 3 o'clock P. M.

CLOSE OF SYNOD.

The minutes were read and approved, the roll was called, and Synod adjourned after the Communion service, with the pronouncing of the Apostolic Benediction by the President.

EZEKIEL C. SCUDDER, *President.*
EDWARD A. REED, *Adsessor.*

J. E. LYALL, }
HENRY FRECH, } *Temporary Clerks.*

Official copy.

ANSON DU BOIS, *Stated Clerk,*
Per DANIEL VAN PELT, *Acting Stated Clerk.*

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THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN THE SOUTH REFORMED CHURCH, NEW YORK CITY, ON THE 6TH DAY OF MAY, 1884, AT 3 O'CLOCK, P. M., AND ADJOURNED AT 1 O'CLOCK, P. M., OF THE SECOND DAY OF THE SESSION.

FORMATION OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. D. N. Vanderveer, at the request of the President of the last Synod, who preached the sermon before Synod on the evening of the first day of the Session from John 14:19—"Yet a little while and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Classis of Arcot. ——— ———

Classis of Hudson.—Ministers—William J. Leggett, George Le Fevre, Thomas S. Dusinberre, William D. Perry, *Elders*—Daniel Snyder, Stephen H. Shutts.

Classis of Kingston.—Ministers—John B. Church, De Witt B. Wyckoff, Ame Vennema, Calvin E. Lasher. *Elders*—Philip Dumond, Charles Markle, Uriah Auchmoody, Isaac Schoonmaker.

North Classis of Long Island.—Ministers—Abram I. Martine, G. Van Emerick, M. L. Haines, John H. Smock. *Elders*—A. Van Nostrand, D. Van Wyen, Cornelius Rapelye, J. N. Remsen.

South Classis of Long Island.—Ministers—Conrad Dickhaut, Nicholas Pearse, D. N. Vanderveer, Jacob Weber. *Elders*—R. A. Bishop, Henry Hannah, James R. Lott, E. W. Tapp.

Classis of New York.—Ministers—T. W. Chambers, D.D., Julius W. Geyer, John Forsyth, D.D., George H. Smyth. *Elders*—Theophilus A. Brouwer, N. S. King, M.D., D. Jackson Stewart (arrived second day of Session, represented by *Secundus*, Edgar Vanderbilt, on the first day), Henry Camerden, Jr.

Classis of Orange.—Ministers—Ferdinand S. Schenck, Richard De Witt, George D. Lydecker, P. K. Hageman. *Elders*—R. Ashby, J. D. C. Hill.

Classis of Poughkeepsie.—Ministers—Chas. S. Hageman, D.D., L. Walter Lott, W. W. Schomp. *Elder*—John B. Jones.

Classis of Westchester.—Ministers—Chas. K. Clearwater, M. M. Curtis, L. H. Van Dyck. *Elder*—Ward Carpenter.

ARTICLE III.

MODERATORS.

The Rev. D. N. Vanderveer was elected President, and the Rev. Ferdinand S. Schenck, Vice-President; the Revs. George D. Lydecker and Ame Vennema were elected Temporary Clerks.

ARTICLE IV.

MINUTES AND BEQUEST.

The Minutes of the Session of 1883 were read, and the printed record of them approved. The Bequest of the Rev. Elias Van Benschoten was read.

ACTS OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Rules of Order were read.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were the Standing Committees:

ON SYNODICAL MINUTES.—*Ministers*—John Forsyth, T. W. Chambers, Richard De Witt. *Elders*—A. Van Nostrand, R. A. Bishop, Daniel Snyder.

ON CLASSICAL MINUTES.—(*Arcot.*— —— —— *Hudson.*—Rev. De Witt B. Wyckoff. *Elder*—J. N. Remsen. *Kingston.*—Rev. A. I. Martine. *Elder*—E. W. Tapp. *North Long Island.*—Rev. Jacob Weber. *Elder*—Henry Camerden, Jr. *South Long Island.*—Rev. William J. Leggett. *Elder*—Theophilus A. Brouwer. *New York.*—Rev. T. S. Dusinberre. *Elder*—Philip Dumond. *Orange.*—Rev. John B. Church. *Elder*—Henry Hannah. *Poughkeepsie.*—Rev. William D. Perry. *Elder*—R. Ashby. *Westchester.*—Rev. P. K. Hageman. *Elder*—N. S. King.

ON CLASSICAL REPORTS, OR STATE OF RELIGION.—*Ministers*—L. Walter Lott, George H. Smyth, George Le Fevre. *Elders*—Theophilus A. Brouwer, James R. Lott, John B. Jones.

ON THE TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.—*Ministers*—Charles S. Hageman, Calvin E. Lasher, W. W. Schomp. *Elders*—D. Jackson Stewart, Cornelius Rapelye, J. N. Remsen.

ON OVERTURES AND JUDICIAL BUSINESS.—*Ministers.*—John H. Smock, M. L. Haines, T. S. Dusinberre. *Elders*—S. H. Shutts, J. D. C. Hill, Isaac Schoonmaker.

ON NOMINATIONS.—*Ministers*—George H. Smyth, L. Walter Lott, Chas. K. Clearwater. *Elders*—D. Van Wyen, Uriah Auchmoody, Charles Markle.

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following communication was received from the Stated Clerk, Rev. Anson Du Bois, D.D.:

CATSKILL, N. Y., Sept. 22, 1883.

To the Particular Synod of New York:

DEAR BRETHREN:—

I hereby resign into your hands the office of Stated Clerk. I am grateful for all your favors, and especially that you have indulged me in holding the office until the question of my continued absence from the country should become settled. I pray that the Divine blessing may attend you.

Yours in Gospel bonds,

ANSON DU BOIS.

The resignation was accepted and Synod proceeded to the election of a Stated Clerk. The Rev. Daniel Van Pelt was elected.

A communication was received from the Stated Clerk of the Classis of Arcot, requesting the appointment of Rev. Dr. Wm. W. Scudder, as delegate from that Classis to the next General Synod. Referred to the Committe on Nominations.

A communication was received from the Stated Clerk of the Classis of New York. Referred to the Sub-Committee on the Minutes of said Classis.

A communication was received from the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, informing Synod that the Board had authorized the Rev. Dr. Wm. J. R. Taylor to present the interests of said Board before this Synod. It was

Resolved, That the Rev. Dr. Taylor be heard at the Session of Wednesday morning, at 10 o'clock.

ARTICLE IV.

GENERAL SYNOD.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

Your Committee beg leave to report that they have examined the Minutes of the Particular Synods and those of General Synod, and find nothing in them claiming the attention of Synod, except the resolution on p. 307, in the Minutes of General Synod, "That for the future, in Synodical and Classical Minutes, the terms Vice-President and Treasurer be used in place of the terms Adsessor and Questor."

Your Committee recommend that this change be made in the Minutes of this Synod.

JOHN FORSYTH, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE V.

OTHER PARTICULAR SYNODS.

Copies of the Minutes of the Particular Synods of Albany, Chicago and New Brunswick were received, and referred to the Committee on Synodical Minutes.

ARTICLE VI.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE VII.

CLASSICAL REPORTS.

The Committee on Classical Reports, or the State of Religion, reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on the State of Religion beg leave to submit the following report:

Having examined the reports which have been placed in their hands by the Classes forming this Synod, they find that many of the churches have been blessed with an outpouring of the Divine Spirit, in a marked degree, while in all peace and harmony prevail. We find that while some fail to report any unusual accessions to their membership on confession, still in these churches the services of the sanctuary are well attended, and the meetings for prayer show a growing interest in the cause of the Master's Kingdom.

There is one fact which appears upon examination of these

reports from the various Classes to which we desire to call the attention of Synod, and that is, that the contributions for religions and benevolent purposes is $14,485.50 less than the sum contributed last year. This great reduction is largely accounted for by the fact that Elder Kowenhoven, of Newtown, L. I., gave $10,000 to Hope College during the preceding year; still we are left to mourn over diminished benevolent contributions to the extent of nearly $5,000. On the other hand the sums contributed for congregational purposes have increased $20,137 over last year.

L. WALTER LOTT, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF ARCOT.

The Statistical Table for 1883 presents the following encouraging facts: One hundred (100) persons have been received into the various churches on confession of faith; sixty-three (63) adults and one hundred and eighty-three (183) children have been baptized; more than one thousand rupees ($500) has been contributed by the native Christians towards the support of their pastors; an old and esteemed Catechist, Paul Bailey, has been ordained and installed pastor of the village churches of South Arcot; one new church has been organized, swelling the number of churches in the Classis to twenty-three. On the other hand there are two discouraging facts which it is our duty to record. The first is, that the total of communicants is three less than last year; and this notwithstanding the large number of new admissions. The cause of this is due mainly to the schism in the Coonoor Church, mentioned in our last report, by which thirty-six persons left us to join the Church of England. Some of the churches have also revised their rolls, and stricken from them a considerable number who have removed to other places. But an event far more disheartening was the removal, on the 30th October, of Zechariah John from the ministerial office, for adultery. Nothing has happened since the organization of our Classis which has tended so much to depress and discourage us. Zechariah John was one of the oldest and most esteemed pastors. He had served the Mission for 22 years, and during 16 years of this time was pastor of the native Church at Coonoor and other places. Years ago his wife be-

came insane and a separation had to be effected. He has since been exposed to great temptation—how great only those who are acquainted with India will know—and after maintaining an unspotted character for years, has at last yielded to sin. The Classis after carefully considering his case, were compelled with profound sorrow to depose him from the sacred office which he had so long filled. The prayers of the Synod are requested for this erring brother.

The health of some of the American members of Classis, which was poor last year, has so much improved in the case of Mr. Conklin, that he has been able to remain at his station the whole year. He has also determined to try another year in India. Dr. Chamberlain, however, is still very poorly, and will probably be on his way home before this report reaches America. All attempts to recover his health in the tropics have been fruitless, and his physicians regard an immediate change of climate imperative.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. WYCKOFF, *Stated Clerk.*

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.

Your Committee respectfully report that returns have been received from all the churches of this Classis.

We note the spirit of hopefulness which characterizes the various reports.

For the most part the churches have not enjoyed any large degree of spiritual life, or awakening on the part of the impenitent, and report no large accessions; still they hope for, or see indications for encouragement.

The exceptions are the churches of Greenport and First Claverack. The former has been blessed with the manifest presence and power of the Spirit, in the awakening, conversion and ingathering of thirty-seven souls. The latter has also reaped a harvest in membership, principally, however, in additions by certificate.

We direct attention to the following extracts from the several reports:

The First Claverack says: We have gradually advanced

during the past year, both spiritually and temporally. The number who have confessed Christ, and who have united with us by certificate, with the increase in benevolent contributions, we consider as evidence of general increasing devotion to the Lord.

The Second Claverack reports that the past year has been characterized by steady work for the Master in the use of the ordinary means of grace, rather than by special manifestations of the Spirit or the use of extraordinary measures. Our Sabbath Schools have been steadily and efficiently worked and well attended. The attendance upon the services of the sanctuary has been good.

Linlithgow states that, as a visible result of the preached Word, some have believed and have made confession of their faith in Jesus Christ. Some also have transferred their relation from other churches to ours, and our numerical gain is greater than our loss. While there is much that we could wish otherwise and hope to see so as knowledge is increased, yet as a whole our condition is improved and the outlook is favorable.

Greenport says: The Church is prospering, spiritually, socially and financially. The number of deaths among members has been disproportionately large, Rev. Wm. Himrod and his sainted wife being among the number.

Upper Red Hook. The year closes with a slight increase in the membership of the Church and in the amounts contributed for benevolent purposes. She says truth, however, compels her to confess to a somewhat low and unsatisfactory state of religious life and activity. Not that there has been any falling off in the attendance upon Sabbath services, nor any diminution of numbers in the Sabbath School, nor that there has been any unusual reluctance in responding to appeals in behalf of Church work, but she laments the abnormal gaiety that has prevailed, especially among the younger portion of the community. She trusts soon to have a general awakening through the Spirit of God.

West Copake writes: The divine blessing for another year has clearly accompanied our faith and labor. God is still

adding to the Church those who will duly bear, like Elisha of old, the dropped mantle. The Sabbath School has reached a flourishing condition. With us debt is a bygone thing. That we are not more benevolently inclined is because this people has never been sufficiently educated in that line.

Gallatin says she cannot report any marked advance in spiritual things, though she has no reason to mourn any decline. The attendance upon the Sabbath services and interest therein have moved evenly through the year. Death has depleted our numbers to an unusual degree. She hopes that her next annual report may be more encouraging.

Livingston Church, at Linlithgo. Although we have lost more members by removal and death than we have gained, yet there has been considerable increase in attendance upon the services of the Church. The spiritual interest, we think, is gradually increasing.

The Church of Germantown. The prospects are favorable. We see very much work to be done; but by a united effort of pastor and people under the Great Head of the Church, we look for growth both in members and in spirituality.

The Church of Hudson says: With devout gratitude to the Great Head of the Church for past blessings, we look hopefully forward to the coming year as one of spiritual benefits.

WM. N. TODD, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.

The Committee on the State of Religion have received reports, statistical and explanatory, from all the churches in the Classis, except the Church of Lyonsville which reports statistics only.

The majority of these reports are of a gratifying character. They show that the churches are in good working condition, that faithful labor has been performed in them, and that this labor has not been without results. Almost universal mention is made of good attendance upon services; and in several instances the Sabbath School and Prayer-meeting are referred to as giving evidence of a healthy condition.

While none of the churches have enjoyed a special refreshing from on High—unless it be the Church of Rochester, which has had an accession of sixteen to its membership—yet in most of them there are indications of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, which call for devout thankfulness, and which should be regarded as incentives to fresh efforts and higher attainments.

The contributions for benevolence exceed those of last year by more than five hundred dollars.

The sentences which we have selected from the churches, taking them in alphabetical order, speak as follows in regard to their past progress and their present situation and prospects:

Bloomingdale. We have been destitute of the stated preaching of the Word, for a year or two. Since the settlement of our present pastor, the services have been well attended by constantly increasing numbers, and the plate collections have become very gratifying. The Week of Prayer was observed through very unfavorable weather. While we were without a minister the Sabbath School was fully maintained, and is now in a very flourishing condition. Since we have had regular services collections have been taken at stated times, according to the requirements of General Synod. With the Apostle we would say, "Brethren, pray for us."

The Clove. The preaching services are attended as well as usual. The Prayer-meetings are well sustained by the faithful. Some spiritual fruits have been gathered by conversion, and the roll of membership has been revised. We regret to say that for the first time in ten years we have not been encouraged to hold any special services for inquirers. The minds of the people seem to have been turned to pleasure and amusements during the past winter to an unusual degree, and the spiritual interest in the Church has been correspondingly less.

Dashville Falls. This Church, which has been vacant for a long time, has just called the Rev. R. P. Milliken to the pastorate, who has signified his acceptance, and is soon to be installed. The Consistory have taken this step in faith, believing God would bless a determined and persevering effort.

The church is well filled on Sabbath, and much interest shown. The Sabbath School has been maintained the whole year, and a regular weekly Prayer-meeting is held.

Guilford acknowledges with gratitude the continued favor of the Great Head of the Church. He has crowned the year with His goodness. The attendance upon Sabbath services and Prayer-meetings has been about the same as in preceding years. The Sabbath Schools have been distinguished by increasing zeal and enterprise. Eight persons have been received into the membership of the Church on confession of their faith. Gratefully acknowledging the favor of God in the past, we pray earnestly for the future.

Hurley. The past year has been one marked by Divine loving kindness to this ancient Church. A goodly number have confessed the Lord Jesus, and there is evinced now an interest in the things of the Kingdom that causes us to hope more of our young people will soon acknowledge Christ as their Saviour. There has been a large increase in gifts to benevolent societies; two weekly Prayer-meetings are well sustained, and the Sabbath School is in a prosperous condition.

Kingston, Fair Street. The past year has shown a marked improvement in the temporal and spiritual condition of this Church. The ladies have accomplished a large and successful financial work during the year. The statistical report gives nine additional families to the report of last year, and what is apparent in this respect is also true of the attendance on the preached Word. The communion in March witnessed the pleasing sight of four young persons, from twelve to fifteen years of age, admitted to membership. They hope and pray for still greater results in this regard.

Krumville. This Church reports a good healthy spiritual condition; the Spirit of the Master seems to be felt among the membership. They have had no accessions during the year, but do not feel discouraged at this, when they realize that the element for growth has already, with a few isolated exceptions, been absorbed in the church.

Lyonsville. Gives statistics only.

Marbletown. Our constant prayer is that the "set time to favor our Zion" may soon come, and that many may come "as a cloud and as the doves to their windows to declare their faith and hope in Christ." The means of grace have been faithfully observed, the Gospel has been faithfully preached, the meeting of prayer and praise has been observed by the people. The children have been separately catechised by the pastor, and the exercises of the Sabbath School regularly continued, with pastoral visitation during the year. We have, however, to record no revival of religion, and no decided spiritual manifestations. But we are hoping for fairer skies, and, above all, that the "Sun of righteousness may soon arise with healing in His wings."

Marbletown, North Church. This Church has enjoyed the ministrations of the present pastor for seven and one-half years. As he expects soon to leave them they bear testimony to his uprightness as a man, and his fidelity as a minister of the Gospel. Under his ministry the Church has increased in membership and general prosperity. During the past year the attendance has been encouraging, and progress has been made in the Divine life, but there has been no special awakening or ingathering of souls. We believe our Church spiritually to be in a healthful state as to its membership, and are waiting and watching for more extended conversions from the world.

New Paltz. The spiritual condition of our Church is more encouraging and hopeful than last year. A large number have cast in their lot with God's people, connecting themselves with the Church. The contributions for religious and benevolent purposes are nearly two and one-half times as large. An additional Sabbath School has been sustained during the summer months, and one more Prayer-meeting during the winter months. A children's Christian "Union" has been organized for the purpose of interesting the children in religion, and of training them into regular devotional habits. The Church suffers for want of religious activity on the part of members, and there is a lack of teachers and officers in the Sabbath School, and a great lack of helpers in our Prayer-meetings. The prayers of the Church ascend to God for the outpouring of His Spirit.

Rochester. During the year we have suffered losses by deaths and removals from our community of some prominent in church-life and work. But we still find great cause for thanksgiving to God for his goodness. Temporally we have been blessed with ability to meet the current expenses of the year, and to provide for the painting of church and parsonage and other needed repairs without incurring a debt. We also find special cause for gratitude in the marked manifestations of the presence of the Holy Spirit. In the early fall months an awakening was apparent on the part of impenitent ones, that grew as time passed on. Sixteen were the first fruits of ingathering, with a larger promise for our next communion season.

Rosendale. We have no regular pastor. Our pulpit has been supplied for several Sabbaths during the year. The Sabbath School has been maintained and the Prayer-meeting also. Our financial condition is better than last year. Our only debt is on the Parsonage. Rev. M. N. Oliver has been called to the pastorate of our Church and will be installed in May.

St. Remy. The review of the past year presents nothing of unusual interest. Though we are not able to report any special work of grace, yet we are glad to observe a commendable degree of interest in attending upon the ministry of the Word. There are no pecuniary claims standing against us. The cause of temperance has received much attention. Our Sabbath evening and Thursday evening Prayer-meetings, and a flourishing Sabbath School have been sustained. The Lord helping us, we will continue to wait upon Him in prayer, and hearing His Word; and the languge of our hearts and lives shall be, "We have waited for Thy salvation, O! Lord."

Ministerial Changes. Rev. James M. Compton has been received into the Classis, and was installed pastor of the churches of Bloomingdale and St. Remy, November 7th, 1883; Rev. R. P. Milliken has been called to the pastorate of the Church at Dashville Falls, and will soon be installed; Rev. M. N. Oliver has been called to the Church of Rosendale, and will be installed May 15th.

Rev. Philip Peltz, D.D., for more than 17 years the earnest

and faithful pastor of the Church of New Paltz, has been called away. His duties are done, his trials are over, his labors are ended. He has gone to his Heavenly reward. He died June 26th, 1883.

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. LASHER, *Chairman.*

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

Your Committee on the State of Religion beg leave to make the following report:

Reports from all the churches of the Classis have been received except from 1st Reformed, Williamsburgh. In none of the churches has there been during the past year any special religious interest, but with the exception of four churches there have been additions to the membership on confession. A few report increased interest in spiritual things, and others of gain in material strength and prosperity. The tone of the reports, as a whole, is hopeful. The Statistical Tables, however, do not tell a story with which we should be satisfied. Your Committee well know that the influence and power of a church are not always to be guaged by statistics, that there is a growth and spiritual upbuilding which cannot be given in numbers, and that it is possible for a church to be gaining in strength and doing a noble work while there is little in its statistics to indicate it. While this is true, yet have we not a right to judge of the work which well organized churches are doing, in good degree, by their statistics? At the time of writing this report, eighteen out of the twenty churhes in our Classis had made returns to your Committee. The total number of additions of these 18 churches by confession this past year was 116, and was less than the number reported from these same churches last year by 127, and there was gain in the number received by certificate of 7, so that these churches received into their communion this year 120 less than last year. The total increase of members by confession and certificate, over loss by death and dismissal, is 41. In the matter also of the benevolent contributions of these churches, while four are able to report an increase over last year, ten must tell of diminished gifts, three of nothing

given and others of the same amount as last year. And what shall be said of the average contributions of the members of our churches to all the different religious and benevolent objects which come before them? The amount is $1.25 per member! Does this indicate on the part of our churches a very high degree of the spirit of benevolence? Does it not, rather, point to a low tone of spiritual life? And ought not such a fact as this to startle us, and send us back to our churches with the purpose to pray and labor for a revival of the spirit of liberality toward the needy, and those perishing for the lack of the Gospel? And while many of our churches report large sums contributed for congregational purposes, ought not the ability thus manifested to be shown in the table of religious contributions also? In this latter item nine of our churches report less raised than last year. In view, therefore, of the reports from our churches, while we should be very grateful for the blessings which we have received, which have been neither few nor small, ought we not to be humbled, and fervently pray that our labors another year may indicate more fruitage in souls ingathered to our churches and in greatly increased beneficence?

The reports from the churches may be summarized as follows:

Jamaica makes report of progress during the year, and while there has been no "great revival of religion," there has been, "through the regular means of grace," the conversion of sinners and the edification of believers. "An important step has been taken in the Sunday School work" by taking under the care of the church a Sunday School which had been for several years organized, and which had been maintained by teachers from the church at Queens and Jamaica. This school, by vote of its officers and teachers, has put itself under the care of the church at Jamaica, and by the Consistory been formally received, and "steps have already been taken for the erection of a suitable building for the school."

Newtown expresses gratitude for the blessings bestowed the past year, and hopes "that the seed is being sown on good ground, and in due time will bring forth an abundant harvest." It mourns the death of six of its members. Among whom is specially mentioned Acting Elder Geo. W. Bur-

roughs, who was taken away very suddenly, "the good influence of whose Christian life" was a cause for thankfulness. It reports increased interest and members in the Sunday Schools.

Oyster Bay. This church has within the past year had a pastor installed over it; and the report refers to the fact that most of the year it has been without a settled pastor, and that this has had its influence in decreasing the amount of benevolent contributions as well as retarding the general work of the church, but it looks forwârd with hope to the year to come and anticipates enlargement.

North Hempstead sends in addition to the statistical tables the report, "nothing special to report, except it might be as to outlook. The future from present view presents much that is encouraging."

Williamsburgh sends no statistical report. The Consistory finds itself, owing to the sickness of their late pastor, unable to consult with him, and so unprepared to make report.

Astoria adds little to the statistical tables. It expresses its "reason to thank God for the spirit of harmony that prevails among our membership, and for the earnestness and activity manifested by so many in the Master's work." The church edifice during the year has been repainted and refurnished, and valuable additions made to it.

Flushing adds little to the statistical report which indicates growth. "Unbroken harmony has prevailed. Our work has gone on steadily, the Sabbath School is flourishing, and we have not been without evidences that the Lord was adding his blessing to the preaching of the Word."

Greenpoint report that "the work of the church in its various departments has gone steadily on during the past year, that the church services have been well attended and the Sunday Schools large and prosperous." The Mission work of the church continues to grow, and its two schools—the Sunday and Industrial Schools—are doing much good.

South Bushwick sends word of growth and prosperity. "Our house is too small for us, and we are thinking of enlarging. The Lord has been good to us. He has blessed us."

Second Astoria in its report expresses its "cause for gratitude to God for His goodness during the past year." An addition of 24 has been made to the church on confession, and the Sunday School is in a flourishing condition. A Young People's Association has been formed, which gives promise of becoming a blessing to the congregation. "Our finances," concludes the report, "are in a healthy state, delightful harmony prevails, and peace and good will reign in our midst."

East Williamsburgh is still without a pastor, and is able to have only two Sabbath services each month. The pastor of the South Bushwick Church supplies the pulpit half of the time. The Prayer-meetings are well attended and with much interest, and the Sunday School has gained in teachers. The report closes with the request which ought to be remembered by us all, "Brethren, pray for us."

Queens sends a very cheering report, giving proof that "the past year has been one of blessing." Extra meetings were held for seven weeks succeeding the "Week of Prayer" alternately, at Queens and Hyde Park, "with cheering success." Between thirty and forty were hopefully converted; more than a score of whom were from the district where a Sunday School was established last year. "A large proportion of them are parents, and many homes have been entirely transformed."

German Evangelical, Brooklyn, sends an encouraging report. "God has been very good to us. Our Sabbath Schools, both the German in the morning and the English in the afternoon, are in a very flourishing condition." "Our parochial school has not been without a blessing, and is quite a help to the church." The church debt has been decreased $1,500 during the year. Three associations connected with the church are doing a good work. The report closes, "This church has a great future before it, and having seen God's care and signal blessings in the past, we believe that He will bless it in the future and make it a blessing to the thousands of our German people around us."

Sayville mourns the loss by death of three of its small band, and a defection of six who have caught the spirit of the

separatists among the Hollanders at the West. It speaks of the attendance on the church services and Sabbath School as very encouraging, and expresses thanks to the donors of an organ which had been received with great joy by the people.

Locust Valley. This church is associated with that of Oyster Bay under the pastoral care of the Rev. J. H. Smock, and, as much of the year it has been without a pastor, little advance has been made. The outlook for the future is much brighter.

College Point sends word that "the signs of the Spirit's presence with our church life we gladly recognize in the increased earnestness and fidelity of our membership." Adtional services on Sunday and week day have been held. One in German under the conduct of Elder De Neufville, and the attendance on all services has been highly gratifying. The pastor heartily commends the Consistory as "making full proof of their office," but mourns the loss by death of an elder "whose works follow him as a benediction upon his memory." Mention is also made of the loss which the church has sustained in the death of the late Conrad Poppenhusen, who, though not a communicant member of the church, was a devoted friend and a liberal benefactor, the church edifice being one of his gifts.

First Long Island City reports a prosperous year. A parsonage has been built, and "financially the church has never been so prosperous, but it suffers greatly from the changing community in which it is." It speaks of a deep interest pervading the Sunday School, and of the attendance during the past stormy winter of comparatively many children upon the Sabbath services. The church is now under a cloud, as the resignation of their pastor is before the Consistory.

Bushwick sends word that "the condition of the church is about as encouraging as could possibly be expected after being so long without a regular pastor." During the year a pastor has been installed over the church.

German Evangelical, Jamaica. The report from this church is encouraging. Five have been added to it on confession, and others are expected soon to unite with it. Its

efforts to free itself from debt are very highly to be commended. Last year's report indicated a reduction of $700 and this year's $550, leaving only $750 to be raised to remove its entire indebtedness.

Jericho is without a pastor. The President of Classis, who is *pro tem* President of the Consistory, writes: "Prospect for growth is not very encouraging, it will be slow at best. The hope at present is from the Sunday School."

Hicksville organized Dec. 9th, 1883, has 27 in communion, and prospects good.

The following ministerial changes have taken place:

Mr. Frank Edge Kavanagh and Mr. E. Deyo Van Dyck were licensed to preach the Gospel, June 18, 1883; the licentiate Mr. Frank E. Kavanagh was dismissed to the care of the Classis of Poughkeepsie, August 20, 1883; Rev. Robt. H. Barr was received from the Classis of Cayuga, Oct. 16, 1883, and was installed as pastor of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of Bushwick, Oct. 25, 1883; Herman H. Shook and Elbert S. Porter, Jr., were licensed to preach the Gospel, Nov. 12, 1883; the licentiate Elbert S. Porter, Jr., was dismissed to the North Congregational Association, Litchfield, Conn; the pastoral relation between Rev. Elbert S. Porter, D.D., and the First Reformed Church of Williamsburgh, was dissolved Dec. 10, 1883; Rev. John H. Smock was received from the Classis of Raritan, and installed pastor of the churches of Oyster Bay and Locust Valley, Oct. 31, 1883; the licentiate Mr. E. Deyo Van Dyck was dismissed to the care of the Presbytery of Albany, Dec. 10, 1883. The Rev. Wm. Ferris, after a long period of sickness, endured with quiet resignation to his heavenly Father's will, and with firm trust in his Saviour entered into rest July 18th, 1883.

Respectfully submitted,

LEWIS FRANCIS, *Chairman.*

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

Your Committe on the State of Religion beg leave to report:

The annual record contains much for which we may feel

grateful, much more in which we may exult, and nothing which ought to discourage and depress. Assuredly it should be gratifying to us, that of all the churches which compose this body, not one has fallen below the conversion point, while many a fleece has wrung in the morning a bowlful of the Heavenly dew. As regards the cause of benevolence, if every other ecclesiastical body did as nobly as the Classis in whose presence this report is read, the rim of the treasury of our Boards would overflow with bank notes and bullion. All this may furnish an impulse to multiplied effort and encouragement, rather than a relaxation of either.

We may arrange and label visible and palpable results—so many conversions are reported; so many churches have been established; so many missions organized; and so many gold eagles, silver dollars and copper cents contributed—and yet we insist that this great and shining bulk does not express the whole result. We may and can give the visible effects of religion in the community; in the world. But the invisible, impalpable, imponderable influences which she imparts and controls we shall never see represented until we shall wipe the last sleep from our eyes in the cool river of Heaven.

But not all unclouded has been the course of Classis through the twelve moons which have waxed and waned. We have traveled through the shades of Elim as well as lingered upon the Transfiguration Mount. We have pitched our tent under the cypress as well as under the palm. "Death loves a shining mark," and ever and anon God teaches us that He can dispense with the services of even the best. And while our pulpits have been spared, the cloud has fallen on the elder's chair. Many ornaments and strong supports have been levelled by death. It ought to be admonitory to us all; as ever and anon the Bridegroom comes, we should rise and trim our lamp afresh. Work should be more earnest and intense as the silver chord is loosed and the golden bowl is broken, the wheel broken at the cistern, and the pitcher at the fountain before our eyes. Let us strengthen the things that remain. Let us reinforce our faith in the grand old Gospel of Christ. The record of the year proves that the Church was never stronger in the hearts of society. A living Church is the noblest evidence of Christ's Resurrection.

From the reports received from the various Consistories of our churches, we have gathered and present the following statements concerning the State of Religion among them:

The church of *Brooklyn* presents a gratifying record for the past ecclesiastical year. Not a sacramental season has been observed in the sanctuary without witnessing some additions by conversion, while several new members have connected themselves "with the household of faith" through the Centennial Chapel. The benevolence of the people has increased nearly a thousand dollars over the preceding year, without any exceptional effort having been made along this particular line of religious work. The hour of the second service has been changed from evening to afternoon, and the wisdom of the plan is manifested in a much better attendance of worshippers. The Prayer-meetings are well observed when atmospheric conditions are auspicious, and the efficiency of the chapel has outgrown its present accommodations. The Sabbath Schools flourish, and the "responsive reading of the Psalms" has been introduced in the worship of the church with pleasing satisfaction. The parish suffers numerically from the removal of residents to other parts of the city and county, and the loss of Mr. A. J. Beekman, treasurer and elder, on this account is keenly felt and universally deplored.

The church at *Flatbush* is able to announce to Classis, that during the past year "more than usual interest has been manifested in the hearing of the Word of God, and the attendance upon the services of the sanctuary increased. The presence of the Holy Spirit is realized in the Prayer-meetings, and under an efficient superintendent and a corps of faithful teachers the Sabbath School is in a flourishing state. The gifts to benevolent causes remain essentially the same, the larger sum of last year being due to special contributions from those who have since gone up higher. In reaching the children of a very variable population through the instrumentality of the chapel, the parish is affecting the springs of thought, the foundations of character and the sources of power.

New Utrecht reports that for the year all the departments of Christian service have been satisfactory. That religion has received from the people more than usual attention, is man-

ifested in larger attendance upon the means of grace; greater liberality toward all benevolent causes; and greater efficiency and vigor in the Sabbath Schools, several of whose pupils have united with the church.

In the church of *Flatlands* the blessing of God has attended the labors of the pastor, and all the services of the sanctuary. The Sabbath School and the Prayer-meeting have been well sustained. Much religious interest was manifested during the "Week of Prayer," and a man over three score years was among the conversions. The spirit of the people is hopeful, and while a few have been lost through death and removal, the benevolent contributions are worthy of much praise.

The prevailing sentiment in the church at *Gravesend* expressed through its report is one of exultation and thanksgiving. The spiritual refreshing so long and so earnestly desired has been received, and the vanished year has been one continuous season of revival, without an equivalent or parallel in the last decade. Heads of families to the number of twenty have already united themselves with the people of God, and others are awaiting the opportunity which a later sacramental season will afford. The present is full of encouragement, and the future with bright hope.

The church of *New Lots* assures Classis that, in proportion to the number of families, the attendance upon the services of worship has been very encouraging. It causes deep sorrow to the pastor and officers that so many heads of families are not among the communicants, but there are in the parish many baptized children who give promise and hope to the future of their Sion.

In the church of *East New York* the weekly Prayer-meeting is well sustained throughout the year; the Gospel is preached in all sincerity and fidelity to excellent congregations twice each Lord's day; the Sabbath School is in a prosperous condition, and there is a growing interest in matters of benevolence. Special services following the "Week of Prayer" were honored of God in the conversion of souls, as the record conclusively shows, while a spirit of unity and har-

mony has pervaded the parish like the anointing oil and Hermon's dew.

If benevolent contributions are to be regarded as any exponent of piety, then the Reformed Church of *South Brooklyn* is in a very gratifying spiritual state. To the Missionary Boards of the denomination, the seventy-four members who compose the parish have given two hundred and thirty-four dollars and two cents. The attendance upon church services has been well sustained, while the Sabbath School has grown rapidly in numbers and activity, so that "watering other fields they themselves have been watered." A pioneer church in a dense and godless population, they need, and doubtless will receive, the sympathy and aid of this body.

From the *Middle Reformed Church* come to us tidings of spiritual prosperity revealed in the quickening of Christians and the conversion of sinners. The Sabbath School has been especially blest, and under the leadership of the new pastor the parish is pushing forward with steadfast confidence and enthusiastic hope. The careful revision of the record reduces the numerical statement of communicants from five hundred of last year to two hundred and seventy-five of this. It is by no means to be inferred from this fact that the church has lost ground. On the contrary it represents a gain in positive power to clear the choked channels and remove the useless appendages. A dozen picked veterans are better than a score of military "dudes" in gold lace and brass buttons.

After a careful revision of the roll of members, the *Twelfth Street Church* sends to Classis the list of resident communicants only, to whose numbers large additions have been made during the year, and which every communion increases by conversions in the Sabbath School. The development of great moral activity among the young people is exerting a telling influence upon the prosperity of the parish, and giving good cheer for the present as well as confidence for the future.

The *North Church* of Brooklyn sustained a severe trial in the protracted illness of the pastor in the early winter, thus depriving all departments of religious endeavor of an animating and directing head. But the austere experience proved

a blessing in disguise in deepening the spirit of faith and prayer and courage in the hearts of the people.

Advices received from the *Church on the Heights* recount a year of earnest and devoted and persevering work, rewarded and illustrated by not a few cheering and encouraging results. Although no special manifestation of Pentecostal power has been observed, yet the number of conversions is a reassuring testimonial to the faithful presentation of the Gospel, reinforced by the grace of the Holy Ghost, while all the evangelical enterprises of the parish, conspicuously Bethany Chapel, under the care of Rev. Jacob Whitehurst, are rendering vigorous and successful service. The church mourns the loss by death of Elder James B. Brinsmade, and the contribution by his family of twenty per cent. toward the extinction of the floating debt, is a fine and noble tribute to his memory.

The church of *Bedford* has been deprived of the pastor's leadership and service for nearly six months, by absence in Europe and sickness at home. But mercifully restored from alarming illness, he is once more at the post of duty. And from the spiritual interest manifested among the people, a gratifying number of souls has been added to the church. Temporal as well as spiritual affairs are in a growing condition, and the future is full of encouragement.

The *Second Church of Flatbush* reports several accessions to the membership, and the raising by the people of over four hundred dollars toward the liquidation of their debt. For a parish of one hundred persons this is certainly very noble.

The church of *Canarsie* rejoices in the multiplying evidences that the period of spiritual inertia and stagnation is passing away, and in the Sabbath School and the Ladies' Aid Society a new era of interest and activity is setting in. The parish has sustained a heavy loss in the death of a senior elder; so also this body of which he was for four years a member. The pastor sees in a seven years' retrospect many signs of great and enduring good accomplished among these humble fishermen, and with much reason thanks God and takes courage.

New Brooklyn. No report.

The Reformed Dutch Church in the Island of St. Thomas, the youngest member of this body by adoption, but one of the most venerable by duration of years, submits its second annual report, rehearsing wise and substantial progress toward self-support and independence. The unfortunate habit of allowing annual expenses to overlap annual revenues is being corrected. The novelty which accompanies the settlement of a new pastor has worn away, and the congregation is composed of permanent worshippers and pew occupants. The finances disclose a steady improvement. The Sabbath School is growing, and add to all this a commodious sanctuary, comfortable parsonage and able pastor, and the West Indian parish may be called prosperous.

D. N. VANDERVEER, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

The growth of the Church has been encouraging. A comparison of the Consistorial reports with those of last year shows a considerable increase in the number of families and in the membership of the Church. The growth of the Sunday School interest is also commendable. The contributions for benevolent and congregational purposes are slightly in excess of those of last year.

We note the testimony of nearly all the churches to the felt work of the Holy Ghost. From the reports we would infer that the spiritual life of the Church is real and strong.

The Committee would call attention to the fact that for several years three of the churches united to this Classis have not submitted reports. They are those of Brookfield, Conn., Mattoax and Amelia C. H., and Richmond, S. I.

We believe that in view of the returns for the past year, we have reason for thankfulness and renewed consecration.

The following are abstracts of the reports of the churches in the order of their foundation:

Collegiate reports that the usual work of the various congregations has been carried on regularly and with a considerable measure of the Divine favor. The disability of the Rev.

Dr. Ormiston has been sorely felt. Since August last he has been unable to attempt any public service. It is hoped that absolute rest during the summer may be blest to his entire restoration.

Harlem reports that the year has been one of great blessing. The congregation is united and enthusiastic. Not a single pew or sitting to be let in the church. All the services have been largely attended and deeply impressive. A new church should have been built a year ago.

South New York reports "everything has run smoothly and with a slight advance, especially in the matter of contributions. It should be noted that this year the Manor Chapel statistics are separated from those of the church, so that for the full strength of the church the two sets of figures must be combined."

Manor Chapel of South Church has improved in every way and done better work than ever before. It is with great gratification that the Consistory give to the chapel the credit of its work.

Staten Island. The church's Sunday services and two weekly Prayer-meetings have been regularly and well sustained. Two Sunday Schools are maintained. The additions to the members have been few, but it is trusted with a good hope that the earnest and faithful work of God's people will soon be blest by a great ingathering. For nearly half a century the Rev. Dr. Brownlee has ministered to this people. At his suggestion it has been determined to call an associate pastor.

Bloomingdale reports: "The first year of our new life has been a season of earnest effort and continuous progress. The work is now organized and in efficient running order. The rapid growth of the neighborhood and congregation has driven the church to undertake the erection of a new edifice at the corner of 68th Street and Broadway. The continued sympathy and prayers of the brethren are requested."

Madison Avenue. Continued progress has been made, a branch school on the East Side has done a good work, while the Auxiliary to the Woman's Board of Missions and the Young Men's Association are actively laboring. The benev-

olent contributions have increased largely. The pastor and people are in perfect accord.

Thirty-fourth Street reports that "it suffers from its now down-town location. The church has at least held its own against local disadvantages. Twenty-two dismissals are reported, but in almost every case the parties had either removed from the city or had ceased to attend this church previous to the commencement of the year." Besides the Sunday services three Prayer-meetings are maintained. The Sunday School has nearly doubled its membership. The basement of the church has been renovated and made attractive.

German Evangelical Mission. This church has done good work during the year. The services are well attended, and the spiritual life strong. The benevolence of the people is to be commended, especially their regard for the poor.

Richmond, Staten Island. No report.

Huguenots reports that the same conditions prevail as last year. They request the Classis to recommend the Board of Domestic Missions to appropriate $300 to this church.

St. Paul's, Mott Haven. The year has been fruitful in accessions to the church, and harmony and outward prosperity have seemingly prevailed; but the absence of the Holy Spirit is mourned.

Union, High Bridge. The growth has been commensurate with the efforts put forth. The attendance at the services continues about the same as formerly.

Fourth German "has grown gradually. The increase in membership, as well as in attendance, is not unusual, but steady. Special efforts are made to keep the young in connection with the church, and reclaim those who have become indifferent. A good work is done in the school in its German and English departments. There is an increase in the contributions to the Boards of the church.

Prospect Hill. The senior pastor has been able to preach frequently and to visit. The various weekly meetings have been largely attended. A Young People's Association has been formed and has been instrumental of good; it publishes

a monthly paper. A Woman's Missionary Auxiliary has been established. A Children's Sewing Circle meets weekly. The addition to the membership of the church has been large.

Holland has worked quietly in her allotted place. The attendance is, in proportion to the Holland population in this city, better than with many other nationalities. The church receives new comers from the Fatherland, and keeps them until they find it more convenient to join English speaking churches. A good Missionary work is done. The pastor personally welcomes immigrants from Holland on their arrival and attends to their wants.

Brookfield, Conn. No report.

Avenue B. German Evangelical reports "a good degree of spiritual life, and encouraging signs of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. All the services have been well attended. The past year will be memorable in the history of the congregation, because, under the providence of God and through the aid of the Collegiate Church Consistory, they have been able to purchase the grounds upon which the church and parsonage stand."

Brighton Heights would note the bequest of a member, Miss C. A. E. Williams, to the Board of Foreign Missions, and to the Board of Domestic Missions, of $2,664.44 each.

Union, Sixth Avenue. There has been a manifestation of the Spirit's presence in the addition of some young people to the membership. The congregation appears stronger than at any previous time in its history. The church appreciates the sympathy and counsel of Classis.

German, Norfolk Street, the oldest German church in the city, reports a revised roll of members. The new pastor has entered heartily on his work. Thus far it has been preliminary, uniting and strengthening what was in danger of going apart, with a view of enlarging as soon as a foothold is gained.

Mattoax and Amelia C. H. No report.

Kreischersville, Staten Island, offers no comments on its report, and omits to state amount of contributions.

The following ministerial changes are noted:

The Rev. James M. Dickson received April 30, 1883, from the Presbytery of Hudson, N. Y., and installed pastor of the 34th Street Church; June 25, 1883, Rev. J. H. Bertholf dismissed to Classis of Rensselaer; June 25, 1883, the Rev. Augustus H. Hager, received from the Presbytery of Boston, Mass., and on July 22d installed as pastor of the Norfolk Street Church; Clarence M. Perlee licensed June 25, 1883; Nathan Henry Demarest licensed June 25, 1883, and ordained as a Missionary Sept. 18, 1883; Edwin R. Murgatroyd licensed June 25, 1883, and dismissed to the Presbytery of New York the same day; James F. King licensed June 25, 1883, and dismissed Jan. 15, 1884, to the Classis of Ulster; the Rev. Henry De Vries received from the Classis of Cayuga Sept. 18, 1883, and dismissed to Classis of Winchester Feb. 29, 1884; William Muss Arnoldt, a licentiate, dismissed to Presbytery of Baltimore, Md., Oct. 16, 1883; Rev. Jacob Gauss was received from the Classis of Bergen Oct. 16, 1883, and installed pastor of the church of Kreischersville, S. I., Nov. 15, 1884; Rev. William T. Johnson was dismissed to the Presbytery of Atlantic, S. C., Oct. 16, 1883; Rev. J. H. Sinclair died June, 1883.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH R. DURYEE, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.

Your Committee respectfully report that, on taking an impartial survey of the field, they find in the main much, on this occasion, for which to praise and bless the Lord.

It is true, the ingathering of souls with the exception of one church, Cuddebackville, has not been in any of our churches of the Classis unusually large. It has been steady. It exceeds the number of last year. If the angels joy over one sinner that repenteth, this Classis ought to feel, and doubtless does feel, like rejoicing over more than a hundred who have repented, we trust, during the last year.

In benevolence there is a little falling off, otherwise the scales between last year and this are quite evenly balanced.

Berea. Whilst we would not presume to say that the present Bereans are more noble than those of this or that church, yet through the grace of God, we may say confidently they have, through the past year, gone on the even tenor of their way, quietly but faithfully doing the Lord's work, and rejoicing in God's blessings, temporal and spiritual, especially in the manifestation of God's converting and sanctifying Spirit.

New Prospect comes to us this year, not unlike the "still waters that run deep" and like a diligently cultivated field. They appreciate the day of small things. They take their stand with the angels of God, and rejoice over one sinner that repenteth. In benevolent things they give increasingly with a liberal hand. Who doubts the good prospect of New Prospect?

Montgomery realizes its obligation to God for profound gratitude, and they are grateful. Whoever merely glances over the statistical table perceives this to be a fact. As it seems, their chief cause of complaint is moral inability to meet their sense of obligation.

Cuddebackville. This church, more than ever before in its history, was led this year in the green pastures and beside the still waters of God's saving truth. Peace has been within her walls and prosperity within her palaces.

Wallkill has put to the test one of the sayings of the Apostle John, when he wrote, "I write unto you men because you are strong", and they appreciate its truth. The strength of the young men has increased the strength of the church.

Grahamsville has during the year, severed the tender tie which bound her to her undershepherd and bishop of their souls. They realize a spiritual destitution. They live rather upon the border lands of despondency and hope alternately.

Wawarsing. From this portion of the Lord's vineyard, we hear coming a voice, which sounds a little like the voice of lamentation. None have borne "testimony for Christ. The membership has grown smaller rather than larger." The redeeming features seem to be, growth in grace among

God's people; consecration to the work and fidelity in the benevolent work of the church.

Minnisink gives no account of its spiritual condition. They have been repairing some of the material things in Sion.

New Hurley, in the language of the pastor, reports: "There has been no material change in our church since the last report."

Callicoon joyfully and gratefully tells us that a new light has sprung up in their midst. In the place of dissension has come unanimity, and peace in the place of strife. With brightened hope and renewed energy, enjoying the blessing of a pure Gospel preached to them by a new pastor, they seem to have entered upon a new life.

Mamakating, at the very moment in which she raises her song of gladness, because of her prosperous state, both temporally and spiritually, has by that mysterious hand of an overruling Providence, who does not answer for his doing, been led to the border land of shadows and sorrows. Death's unerring shaft lays low her leader and undershepherd in the valley of the shadow of death. Bro. Du Bois falls with his armor on, just as he is preparing his Consistorial report. One hand commenced the report. Another—to all appearances his dear companion's—finished it. Indeed, the Gethsemanes in this life are but as it were at the very foot of the Tabors.

Walden appears among the numbers in that goodly sight of which that melodious voice of the Holy Writ said, "Behold how good and how pleasant it is," etc. An extra large blessing of converting grace has been granted them. Still some souls have been hopefully saved.

Shawangunk informs us "that the work of the church has gone on in much the usual way." Her temporal condition has decidedly improved. She expects to enter the new ecclesiastical year free from debt. Her benevolent work, however, is lagging.

Kerhonkson sends us only a statistical report.

"*Fallsburgh,*" says the pastor, "at present," has come "'down to the day of small things.'" Judging from the re-

port, which is largely plaintive, we should judge that to this church are quite applicable the words, which He "that holdeth the seven stars in His right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven candlesticks," applied to the Church in Thyatira, "I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works. Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel * * * to seduce my servants to commit fornication." The fornication in that community seems to be desecration of the Lord's Day. The cause of that desecration is in many instances that pestiferous summer tidal wave of city immigration into the country.

Bloomingburgh, judging from the pleasant report of the state of things, temporal and spiritual, within her borders, we fancy we behold with fresh and fragrant bloom upon the tree of her church life.

Deer Park has done well. There has been "a healthful and steady growth during the year." A steady growth, especially when we can add that significant word *healthy,* is the very best growth for any church.

Ellenville comes forward with an encouraging report. Progress has during the past year marked every department of church work. The truth of all this is especially evidenced in the increase of the benevolent operations.

Lower Walpack seems to be somewhat in *statu quo,* if in spiritual things such a thing be possible. In numbers they have lost rather than gained. In labors they have, in the main, been diligent. For the future they are hopeful.

Newburgh closes our report with a cheerful account of the work of the past year. They now enjoy freedom from debt. With a great sum they obtained that freedom. The day which closed the record of the past year, closed also the record of their debt. Spiritually also they are blest.

Ministerial Changes.—Rev. J. L. Stillwell has been dismissed to the Classis of Paramus; Rev. R. P. Milliken has been dismissed to Classis of Kingston; Rev. W. E. Turner

has been dismissed to Classis of Westchester; Rev. John Du Bois has been removed by death.

Respectfully submitted,

A. WESTVEER, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

The Committee on the State of Religion respectfully report:

The churches of the Classis are all supplied with pastors, and are all heartily engaged in the Master's work.

First Poughkeepsie reports: "The condition of the church is encouraging. There is among the young people a manifest increase of interest in the church and its welfare. The ladies are more thoroughly organized for Christian work, and more efficiently engaged in it."

Second Poughkeepsie states: "The reasons for our encouragement and special gratitude, are the church's continued peacefulness and unity, and its cheerful and liberal responses to calls for benevolence, with rather increased attendance upon the Sabbath and weekly services."

Hopewell writes: "Signs of spiritual life and interest are more abundant than last year, especially among professors of religion."

New Hackensack "is not without encouragement, the church being prosperous in temporal affairs, and in all things united and harmonious."

Hyde Park, under a new pastor, makes special mention of good attendance upon the services and of striking financial prosperity. Debts have been paid, sheds erected, the parsonage improved and a pastor's library purchased.

Fishkill-on-Hudson makes grateful mention of increased attendance upon Sunday and weekly services. Eleven have been added on confession of their faith, and others are inquiring.

Rhinebeck speaks of losses from deaths and removals, but says: "We enter upon the coming year as a united and pros-

perous people, praying that God will add His blessing to all our efforts."

Glenham records discouragement on account of removals from the vicinity, but of late has been cheered by the Spirit's presence.

Cold Spring, so long vacant, is happy in the possession of a pastor.

Millbrook does not consider the spiritual life of the church bright and clear, but is cheered by increased benevolent contributions.

Reviewing the year it is evident that in our churches the Word has been faithfully and earnestly declared. But no church reports a special refreshing, a revival of religion. The great need with all is the outpouring of the Holy Ghost, the presence of the power from on High. We have occasion, humbly and unceasingly, to beseech our Heavenly Father for a Pentecostal baptism.

The candidate F. E. Kavanagh has been received from the North Classis of Long Island, ordained to the ministry, and installed pastor of the church of Hyde Park; also the candidate J. W. Gowen from the Classis of New Brunswick, who, after ordination, was installed pastor of the church of Cold Spring.

CHAS. W. FRITTS, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.

The Committee on the State of Religion respectfully report that in examining the reports of the churches, we find much to strengthen the faith, encourage the hope and stimulate the zeal of God's people. While there has been no special work of grace in any of the churches, several report larger additions by confession than in former years, and a large majority report a marked increase in the attendance upon the means of grace. One of the most encouraging features of the reports is the great improvement in the work of beneficence in almost all the churches. Yonkers and Fordham, although having a good record in the past, have more than doubled their contributions of former years, both of them giving over a thousand dollars apiece to the various Boards of our Church. All the churches, with two or three excep-

tions, show a marked and gratifying increase in this good work. We congratulate the Classis on the united effort of the churches to raise $2,300, the quota for the Board of Foreign Missions apportioned to this Classis, which effort, with God's blessing, has resulted in raising a surplus of about $200 over the amount apportioned. Your Committee regret that all of our churches have not availed themselves of the privilege of taking some stock in this instrument of the Lord's cause, but the good work has gone on notwithstanding.

Ladies' Auxilliary Missionary Societies have been organized in several more of our churches during the year, and a spirit of enthusiasm and activity prevails among them, which has resulted in awakening a general interest among the members of all our congregations in the cause of Missions, and contributed largely, not only indirectly, towards increasing the regular collections in our churches for these objects, but also adding largely to the receipts of the Boards by their own direct contributions.

The following extracts from the reports of the churches give a detailed account of both the temporal and spiritual condition in the various churches:

Bronxville. The year has been one of steady work and quiet prosperity. The pastor has been at his post without intermission, completing last November an annual exposition of the Catechism in fifty-two successive morning services. The members of the Consistory have co-operated in the services at the Union Corners School House. The church services have been enriched with the introduction of the responsive reading of the Psalter. From the Sabbath School and the pastor's Catechetical and Bible Class six have come to the communion of the church. The Ladies' Missionary Society has been resuscitated, and has labored effectively for the foreign and domestic cause and for the local poor. The Children's Mission Band has contributed its faithful work. The church offerings have increased, and a monthly collection is taken in behalf of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Cortlandtown. The year has not been one of any special religious interest with us. The usual services have, however, been very well attended, and peace and harmony have prevailed in our midst. There has organized during the year a

Ladies' Auxilliary Missionary Society which is doing quietly a very good work, and is drawing the attention of the people to the subject of missions. We have every reason to be encouraged with respect to the success of the undertaking, and we believe the society will be the means of building up this part of our church, as well as helping forward the good cause in other parts of the world. We are praying and hoping for a revival of pure and undefiled religion among us, and expect in due time to see the work of the Lord prospering in our hands, and the Spirit of the Lord moving on the hearts of our people.

Fordham cannot report any special outpouring of the Holy Spirit, yet there continues spiritual and temporal prosperity. The preaching of the Word, the ministrations of the sacraments, family visitations and catechising the children have been performed, all of which have been blessed to the conversion of some souls. Our audiences constantly increase, a spirit of piety prevails. The Prayer-meeting is increasing in numbers and in interest. The Woman's Missionary Society is succeeding admirably, exceeding any former year in its efforts, and enlarged contributions for Domestic and Foreign Missions, also for home poor. In addition, our church's special collections for all the objects enjoined by General Synod have been taken, and in most cases have doubled on former amounts for those objects. This increase is from each and all the families contributing, and not from any large contributing of a few wealthy ones. We are striving to educate the people to feel it their duty to give a tenth of their income to the cause of Christ, and we are succeeding.

Greenburgh. The church edifice and the sheds and the parsonage have been repaired and painted and paid for. There is a small increase in the attendance on the means of grace, and the Sabbath School is in a prosperous condition. The general outlook is more promising than for many years.

Greenville. This church reports a regular and faithful attendance upon the means of grace, and also a steady and substantial growth, both in numbers and in efficiency. The Sabbath School, though small in numbers, is well sustained, and it is doing a good work in training the children of the church in the knowledge of the Scriptures. The Lord has

sorely chastened us in removing our entire eldership by death, but we believe He has sanctified the affliction, and made it the honored instrument in the hands of the Spirit in leading us to lean more upon Him from whom cometh our help. Although this church is small in numbers, and comparatively poor as regards this world's goods, yet it is rich in grace, strong in faith, earnest in prayer, persistent in its self-denials and struggles to support itself, and it therefore deserves and asks the confidence, the sympathy and the prayers of this Classis, in order that it may continue to enjoy the Master's presence and this richest blessing.

Hastings. No statement accompanying the statistical report.

Melrose. The services on Sabbath morning are generally well attended. Our Sabbath School has grown to such an extent that our accommodations are insufficient. God's blessing has attended the work in the school, and fourteen catechumens have been added to the membership of the church. The Ladies' Aid Society has contributed greatly to the support of the church and the Sabbath School. Death has removed one of our most faithful and efficient elders, who for many years had been one of the pillars of our church, and we find it very difficult to fill his place. Owing to the heavy assessments laid upon us by the city for opening and grading new streets and putting in sewers, we find it very difficult to meet our financial responsibilities, and we are obliged to appeal to the Domestic Board for aid.

Mount Vernon. We have nothing to add to the figures of the Statistical Table. They indicate a year of steady prosperity and growth. All the pews in our church building are rented, and we are somewhat crowded for room. Ten of the thirteen uniting with us on confession are young men. Our Sunday School is growing nicely. A small reduction has been made in our mortgage debt. The amended list of membership presents, for the first time in years, only the names of those now actually known to the Consistory. Harmony prevails. Spirituality is not as profound as we would like to see, still we are grateful for past mercies, and watch and pray hopefully, trustfully.

Peekskill. After commencing the year with brighter pros-

pects than for some time previous, we were again thrown into a sudden state of uncertainty by the retirement of Rev. A. M. Quick. For some time thereafter depending upon supplies, and having two or three times almost succeeded in obtaining a settled pastor, until finally the Rev. Henry De Vries was placed over us. His labors have already been greatly blessed, eight persons, six of them members of the Sunday School, having just been received into the church. There is a large field for usefulness before us, and by the blessing of God we intend to occupy it. We have reason to thank God and take courage, knowing that "if God be for us, who can be against us?"

First Tarrytown. Only two or three facts need to be emphasized in our report. We regret to announce fewer additions to our number than in many other years. We are glad to speak of the increased spirit of benevolence among us, especially manifest in our contributions to the missionary work of the church. Much of this is owing to the efforts of a Ladies' Auxilliary Missionary Society formed during the year. The interest of the people in their own church work is shown in additional contributions for the ordinary expenses of the church.

Second Tarrytown. The usual services have been maintained during the year. The tone of spirituality is not what we could wish, yet not such as to discourage us. The Sabbath School is in a prosperous condition and affords ground for hope. The Woman's Missionary Society of the church, reorganized so as to embrace both the Foreign and Domestic fields and also the community immediately around us, is proving itself a valuable helper in the work of the Lord. We have received fifteen members into the church since our last report, but we have lost as many by removals from the place and by death. A dark shadow has been cast upon our church by the long sickness and death of Mrs. Mary A. Todd, the useful and beloved wife of the pastor. Her heart was in every good work, and her hands were ever ready to give their willing service. She was faithful unto death, and her memory will be tenderly cherished. She being dead, yet speaketh.

Unionville. No report.

West Farms regrets a lack of vitality and spirituality. A

small gain is noted in the contributions for congregational purposes.

Yonkers. "The spiritual progress of our church has been much as in other recent years. We have had no marked revival since 1878. The means of grace have been continued as usual, and the result has been the ingathering of precious souls, for which we are grateful as tokens of the presence and power of the Holy Ghost. Contributions to missions and other objects of benevolence have been increased. Our temporal affairs remain in good condition. An organ, which had become unfit for use, has been replaced with a valuable instrument, whose tones add greatly to the life of our services. And the congregation has just repurchased for a parsonage the property adjoining the church lot, which it lost in the disruption of 1852. This event has been very gratifying to the pastor and the people. It will contribute greatly to our mutual convenience, and promote both the social and the spiritual life of the church. Our need is a more vigorous outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Some of our people are earnestly praying and toiling for this, and we solicit the prayers of our brethren and friends in our behalf that it may speedily come.

Ministerial Changes. Edwin F. See has been licensed to preach the Gospel and has been dismissed to the Classis of Albany; Mattoon M. Curtis has been received from the Presbytery of Westchester, ordained and installed pastor of the church of Hastings; Rev. John Simonson has been dismissed to the Classis of Newark; Rev. A. Messler Quick has been released from the church of Peekskill and the Rev. Howard Harris from the church of Unionville, and the latter has gone as a missionary to Japan under the auspices of our Foreign Board; the Rev. Harlon P. Blair has been released from the church of West Farms and dismissed to the Classis of Hudson, within whose bounds he has accepted a call; Rev. Henry De Vries has been received from the Classis of New York and installed pastor of the church of Peekskill; Rev. Washington Roosevelt has been released from the church militant and has joined the church triumphant.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES BOLTON, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Bloomingdale	James M. Compton	102	3	1	2	...	4	116	21	1	55	.....	1	179	$10	$534 95	Whiteport, Ulster Co., N.Y.
The Clove	Wm. H. Vroom	150	9	1	9	1	6	*226	11	3	208	30	2	288	171 19	1,143 77	High Falls, " "
Dashville Falls	Richard P. Milliken†	60	...	...	3	...	1	123	...	...	.....	.....	1	65	17 78	373 80	Rifton Glen, " "
Guilford	Calvin E. Lasher	100	8	5	2	...	...	108	5	....	195	85	4	212	57 82	1,275	Gardiner, " "
Hurley	DeWitt B. Wyckoff	75	9	5	4	...	3	152	13	2	90	55	1	129	182 73	1,140 80	Hurley, " "
Kingston, Fair Street	Stephen D. Noyes	150	5	9	8	...	4	323	...	2	.....	.....	1	276	292 75	5,066 74	Kingston, " "
Krumville	Paul T. Deyo	50	....	....	....	....	1	97	8	....	70	40	1	80	12	400	Samsonville, " "
Lyonsville	Vacant	50	....	....	....	....	2	90	4	....	.....	.....	1	40	.....	110	Stone Ridge, " "
Marbletown	Victor M. Hulbert‡	85	1	1	6	...	7	238	1	1	.....	50	1	60	52 99	712 43	Stone Ridge, " "
Marbletown, North Ch.	Victor M. Hulbert§	56	....	2	...	...	1	114	2	....	.....	50	1	80	38 75	362 73	Stone Ridge, " "
New Paltz	Ame Vennema	260	9	9	5	...	4	*363	2	2	335	195	7	320	237 46	2,879 20	New Paltz, " "
Rochester	John B. Church	136	16	1	4	...	5	191	6	4	158	40	5	390	63	1,430	Accord, " "
Rosendale	Matthew N. Oliver†	90	...	....	....	...	2	80	....	....	.....	.....	1	70	80	330	Rosendale, " "
St. Remy	James M. Compton	87	....	....	1	....	...	74	5	....	18	.....	1	88	9 45	330 96	Whiteport, " "
	Total	1401	60	84	44	1	40	2330	85	15	1129	545	28	2277	1,925 92	16,080 88	

Others Ministers.—Rev. James R. Lente, Emeritus, Washingtonville, Orange Co., N. Y.; Rev. M. F. Liebenau, Emeritus, Rosendale, Ulster Co., N. Y.; Rev. J. Fergus on Harris (s. c.), Kingston, Ulster Co., N. Y.; Rev. James Demarest, Jr., Bloomfield, N. J.

*Revised List. †Pastors Elect. ‡Relation dissolved, to take effect April 10th. §Stated supply. ‖Officers and Teachers included.

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Jamaica	Wm. H. De Hart	165	10	9	5	...	5	289	15	1	....	75	2	229	$514 13	$3,622 86	Jamaica, N. Y.
Newtown	Chas. I. Shepard	96	1	4	4	...	6	194	9	....	.....	.....	2	300	344 84	2,052 07	Newtown, "
Oyster Bay	J. H. Smock	96	....	2	6	...	5	114	....	....	.....	.....	1	112	99 34	1,419	Glen Head, "
North Hempstead	Abram I. Martine	73	3	1	1	...	3	94	4	....	.....	.....	2	140	153 49	1,860 60	Manhasset, "
Williamsburgh	Vacant	200	....	....	....	....	....	+450	....	....	.....	.....	+3	+800	‡179 52	‡9,073 25	Williamsburgh, "
Astoria	M. L. Haines	104	12	4	5	...	3	238	7	2	48	120	1	208	555 17	5,055 47	Astoria, "
Flushing	O. E. Cobb	107	6	5	1	...	2	240	3	....	.....	90	1	171	414	3,600	Flushing, "
Greenpoint	Lewis Francis	230	10	14	19	1	9	424	9	2	.....	.....	2	950	959 39	7,157 71	143 Noble St., Brooklyn, E. D.
South Bushwick	George D. Hulst	165	12	28	2	...	8	289	24	2	75	.....	1	750	200	4,000	15 Himrod St., " "
Second Astoria	C. D. F. Steinfuhrer	95	24	2	1	...	1	283	50	....	.....	25	1	180	40	1,800	Astoria, N.Y.
East Williamsburgh	Vacant	30	....	....	2	...	....	24	....	....	.....	35	1	110	118 47	148 44	
Queens	Andrew Hageman	100	10	2	2	...	3	147	16	....	.....	100	2	423	516 22	3,014 03	Queens, "
German Ev., Brooklyn	John M. Wagner	200	24	....	1	...	8	470	50	....	.....	376	2	950	465 41	3,810	315Graham Av. Br'klyn, E.D.
Sayville	G. Van Emerick	37	....	....	6	...	3	74	6	....	94	17	1	90	23 07	490 31	Sayville, N. Y.
Locust Valley	J. H. Smock	50	2	....	....	....	1	62	....	1	.....	.....	1	90	.....	700	Glen Head, "
College Point	Herman C. Berg	78	2	1	....	....	1	127	17	....	150	19	1	220	257 88	2,156 68	College Point, "
First Ref., L. I. City	Ernest Gutweiller	39	1	1	3	....	....	36	12	....	.....	125	1	137	.....	1,075	Long Island City, "
Bushwick	Robt. H. Barr	300	6	7	25	....	9	441	12	2	.....	.....	1	1100	230 35	5,603 80	228 Leonard St., Br'klyn, E.D.
German Ev., Jamaica	Henry Frech	52	5	....	3	...	1	158	14	....	.....	.....	1	70	37	1,383 04	Jamaica, N. Y.
Jericho	Vacant	25	....	....	3	...	....	10	....	....	.....	.....	1	33	.....	200	Jericho, "
Hicksville*	Vacant	27	12	15	....	....	....	27	3	....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	Hicksville, "
	Total	2359	140	95	89	1	68	4191	251	10	367	982	29	7153	$5,108 28	$58,222 26	

Other Ministers.—Rev. E. R. Atwater, Brooklyn, E. D., N. Y.; Rev. Jefferson Wynkoop, Cuba, N. Y.; Rev. J. B. Alliger, New York City; Rev. W. H. Ten Eyck, D.D. (s. c.), New Brunswick, N. J.; Rev. John Wenisch, Newark, N. J.; Rev. E. S. Porter, D.D., Brooklyn, E. D., N. Y.

Candidate.—Herman H. Shook, Brooklyn, N. Y.

*Organized Dec. 9, 1883. †Report of 1882. ‡Contributions the past year.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Brooklyn	David N. Vanderveer	183	18	6	6	...	6	331	4	1	....	125	2	750	$5,681 96	$7,939 52	95 Livingston St, B'lyn, N. Y.
Flatbush	C. L. Wells	116	1	3	7	...	3	229	7	....	253	300	1	360	5,152 04	4,000	Flatbush, Kings Co., "
" Mission		60	....	1	....	....	....	35	10	....	....	....	1	101	....	....	
New Utrecht	Alfred H. Brush	100	6	6	1	...	3	247	2	....	....	75	3	352	980 42	2,841 54	New Utrecht, " "
Gravesend	A. P. Stockwell	120	16	4	3	...	5	218	17	4	121	125	2	210	678 71	1,818 48	Gravesend, " "
Flatlands	John S. Gardner	90	6	1	7	...	6	199	10	....	136	196	2	329	533 98	3,084 85	Flatlands, " "
New Lots	Nicholas Pearse	70	6	....	4	...	3	174	9	1	139	35	1	196	1,310 24	2,665 09	East New York," "
East New York	Daniel Van Pelt	82	10	3	1	....	....	123	9	3	56	200	1	325	633 29	2,547 11	" " "
South Brooklyn	Alfred D. W. Mason	66	2	10	1	...	2	74	9	2	50	60	1	300	117 34	1,685 95	1059 3d Av., Brooklyn, "
Middle "	Wm. H. Ford	134	52	13	49	...	5	*275	5	3	....	....	1	315	267	6,550	309 President St.," "
12th St., "	U. D. Gulick	220	47	24	26	...	14	640	35	25	301	500	2	1444	1,100 28	6,934 39	257 12th St., " "
North "	Alex. R. Thompson	56	6	6	10	...	2	....	6	4	....	109	1	262	361 64	2,886 30	180 Clermont Av." "
Ch. on Heights, B'lyn.	Alfred J. Hutton	106	21	9	7	...	2	403	10	4	....	40	2	450	7,634 17	11,907 93	165 Hicks St., " "
New Brooklyn	Jacob Weber	115	24	2	2	...	3	333	69	....	650	22	1	300	112 02	1,576	772 Herkimer St.," "
Bedford	Walter T. Griffin	187	21	34	1	...	4	273	9	3	....	160	1	280	149 20	7,452 85	674 Bedford Av., " "
Second Flatbush	C. H. Schwarzbach	60	6	1	....	...	1	101	9	1	81	9	1	60	15 69	860 45	Flatbush, Kings Co., "
Canarsie	Conrad Dickhaut	39	2	....	....	...	1	61	6	....	112	9	1	95	44 50	513 84	East New York, Kings Co."
St. Thomas, West Indies	Anson DuBois	40	8	....	....	...	1	119	4	....	....	18	1	70	15	2,648 35	St. Thomas, West Indies.
	Total	1844	222	123	125	...	61	3835	230	51	1899	1883	25	6199	$24,787 48	$67,912 65	

Other Ministers.—Rev. John A. Lansing, 430 Gates Av., Brooklyn; Jacob West, 34 Vesey St., N. Y.; John M. Ferris, 6 New Church St., N. Y.; Daniel Rapalje, Amoy, China; Robert G. Strong, (s. c.) Flatbush, L. I.; John M. Van Buren, Nyack, N. Y.; Jacob Whitehurst, Bethany Chapel, 104 Willoughby St., Brooklyn; David S. Sutphen, Bloomfield, N. J.

*Revised List.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
New York (Collegiate)	Thomas E. Vermilye																15 West 56th St., N. Y. City.
	Talbot W. Chambers	700	55	45	43	...	26	1946	13	3	....	1450	7	2570	$32,128 29	.....	70 West 36th St., "
	William Ormiston																17 West 32d St., "
	Edward B. Coe																42 West 52d St., "
North																	113 Fulton "
De Witt (Col. Chapl's)	Giles H. Mandeville																327 East 124th St., "
Knox Mem'l. (Col. Chapl's)	Abraham Thompsons.c																514 Ninth Avenue, "
Seventh Ave. (Col. Chapl's)	Joseph R. Duryee																112 West 47th St., "
Harlem	George H. Smyth	300	65	39	34	2	10	531	21	26	300	650	1	850	1,406	$3,000	127 East 127th St., "
South New York	Roderick Terry	140	6	4	4	...	1	265	9	....	61	....	2	258	6,474 74	14.000	169 Madison Ave., "
Manor (Chpl. So. N.Y).	J. A. Billingsley	111	23	1	3	...	...	109	16	....	75	70	1	547	212 54	325 81	444 West 23d St., "
Staten Island	James Brownlee	154	2	1	1	...	6	256	5	....	.....	200	2	400	854	8,420	Port Richmond, N. Y.
Bloomingdale	Carlos Martyn	80	22	20	2	...	...	95	5	13	.....	151	1	151	425	.....	439 West 73d St., N. Y. City.
Madison Avenue	Edward A. Reed	148	10	9	11	...	3	277	2	2	115	213	2	597	3,337 78	21,127 27	34 East 58th St., "
Thirty-fourth Street	James M. Dickson	180	9	8	22	...	6	375	7	1	88	195	1	217	610	5,875	450 West 34th St., "
German Ev. Mission	Julius W. Geyer	175	44	3	8	...	7	582	25	4	.....	50	1	500	2,176 28	1,831 15	78 Second St., "
Richmond, Staten Is'ld																	
Huguenots, "																	
St. Paul's, Mott Haven	Hasbrouck Du Bois	102	14	12	10	...	8	252	14	4	.....	.....	1	550	373 92	2,750	580 East 145th St., "
Union, High Bridge	Hasbrouck Du Bois, S.S	39	3	...	...	...	1	55	2	1	42	....	1	121	335 28	1,010 92	" " "
Fourth German	John H. Oerter	86	58	2	...	...	2	447	36	1	120	300	1	460	287 89	2,834 10	248 West 40th St., "
Prospect Hill	D. McL. Quackenbush.	94	22	18	6	...	5	188	7	4	115	291	1	500	622 50	3,951 54	222 East 87th St., "
	Oliver H. Walser																129 East 86th St., "
Holland	Arend H. Bechthold	33	5	3	1	...	...	72	1	1	.....	8	...	.....	195 51	221 94	279 West 11th St., "
Avenue B, German Ev.	Jacob Schlegel	96	49	...	...	...	6	541	75	....	75	35	1	325	1,700	5,600	602 Fifth St., "
Brighton Heights	William Walton Clark	100	7	18	21	...	1	307	7	1	107	220	1	340	735 64	4,406 11	Tompkinsville, N. Y.
Union, Sixth Avenue	E. S. Fairchild	115	17	1	11	...	1	300	7	1	.....	125	1	225	386 65	3,725 40	433 West 19th St., N. Y. City.
German, Norfolk St	Augustus H. Hager	53	40	6	5	...	6	*172	36	....	.....	42	...	367	155	1,473 77	127 Norfolk St., " N. Y.
Kreischersville, Stat. I.	Jacob Gansz	100	15	....	....	...	8	*105	11	....	.....	7	1	97	.....	.....	Kreischersville, Richm'd Co.,
Brookfield, Conn	Vacant																
Mattoax & Amelia C.H	Vacant																
	Total	2801	466	190	182	2	97	6825	298	62	1098	4007	26	9075	$52,417 02	$75,553 01	

Foreign Missionaries.—Rev. Leonard W. Kip, Amoy, China; Rev. C. H. H. Wolff, Japan; Rev. E. Rothesay Miller, *in transitu*, Yokohama, Japan; Rev. Nathan Henry Demarest, Nagasaki, Japan.

Other Ministers.—Rev. Enoch Van Aken, Emeritus, New Brunswick, N. J.; Rev. J. B. Steele, Canajoharie, N. Y.; Rev. C. M. Jameson, Somerville, N. J.; Rev. John Forsyth, Newburgh, N. Y.; Rev. William H. Miller, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Rev. Aaron Lloyd, Belleville, N. J.; Rev. A. G. Vermilye, Englewood, N. J.; Rev. F. N. Zabriskie, Claverack, N. Y.; Rev. A. J. Park, Weston, Conn.; Rev. C. S. Plumley, P. O. Box 787, New York City; Rev. F. M. Kip, Chaplain, Tompkinsville, N. Y.

Candidate.—Clarence M. Perlee, 18 East 55th St., New York City.

*Revised List.

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
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Berea	Adrian Westveer	73	8	3	8	...	2	129	7	2	.....	22	1	108	$116 47	$841 06	Walden,	N. Y.
Bloomingburgh	James B. Wilson	60	7	9	3	...	2	117	3	3	.....	20	1	93	45 57	1,021 50	Bloomingburgh,	"
Callicoon		57	....	....	....	...	3	149	7	....	.....	20	...	85	18	.....	Callicoon,	"
Claraville	Vacant	...	....	....	....	...	6	....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	.....	Claraville,	"
Cuddebackville	Herman Hageman	58	18	6	....	...	5	80	1	12	.....	50	2	125	28 49	530 88	Cuddebackville,	"
Deerpark	Goyn Talmage	190	12	5	3	...	5	294	11	5	....	150	2	414	641 45	5,895 04	Port Jervis,	"
Ellenville	John Hutchins	99	2	10	5	1	4	201	8	1	.....	....	1	266	284 73	3,279 64	Ellenville,	"
Fallsburgh	Walter S. Brown	90	2	2	5	...	2	114	9	....	.....	....	....	65	100	800	Woodbourne,	"
Grahamsville	Vacant	.....	1	....	5	....	....	120	....	....	.....	....	1	100	3 85	352 89	Grahamsville,	"
Kerhonkson	Vacant	50	3	....	2	...	1	60	1	2	.....	....	....	50	....	100	Kerhonkson,	"
Mamakating	Vacant	48	4	8	1	...	2	111	1	2	.....	....	1	70	6	300	Wurtsboro,	"
Minnisink	J. L. Stillwell	85	4	2	....	...	3	45	5	4	10	....	2	100	4	1,868 19	Montague,	N. J.
Montgomery	Ferdinand S. Schenck	185	11	8	4	...	6	410	11	5	.....	100	4	200	1,156 55	9,843 11	Montgomery,	N. Y.
Newburgh	Henry V. S. Myers	197	15	15	18	...	4	423	6	....	116	35	1	171	401 13	.....	Newburgh,	"
New Hurley	Robert H. Beattie	109	2	5	4	1	3	151	4	1	.....	....	....	130	184 67	1,076 18	New Hurley,	"
New Prospect	John T. Demarest	80	1	1	....	....	8	133	....	....	.....	....	2	98	120	.....	Pine Bush,	"
Shawangunk	Peter K. Hageman	75	8	3	6	1	...	190	7	6	.....	....	4	150	73 61	1,221 82	Bruynswick,	"
Unionville	Vacant	.....	....	....	....	....	4	....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	.....	Grahamsville,	"
Walden	M. V. Schoonmaker	80	8	7	5	...	4	190	10	3	.....	100	1	200	370	1,800	Walden,	"
Walkill Valley	Richard DeWitt (s. c.)	70	13	7	5	...	...	111	2	5	37	90	1	80	58 29	1,252 82	Walkill,	"
Walpack (Upper)	Vacant	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	.....	Dingman's Bridge,	Pa.
Walpack (Lower)	H. L. Rex	70	....	....	....	...	3	130	1	....	.....	65	2	100	47 22	700	Bushkill,	"
Wawarsing	George D. Lydecker	61	....	2	7	...	1	88	2	....	.....	....	3	170	71 23	1,015 49	Napanoch,	N. Y.
	Total	1737	119	98	81	3	68	3241	96	51	163	582	29	2770	$3,719 26	$31,888 62		

Others Ministers.—Rev. S W. Mills, Port Jervis, N. Y.; Rev. John A. Staats, Goshen, N. Y.; Rev. E. W. Bentley, Canton Center, Hartford Co., Conn.; Rev. G. S. Garretson, Dingman's Bridge, Pa.

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
First Poughkeepsie	A. P. Van Gieson (s. c.)	190	20	10	18	...	8	426	8	10	.....	.....	1	328	$2,004 82	$2,900 82	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
Second Poughkeepsie	J. Elmendorf	132	4	6	4	...	2	244	5	....	....	.....	1	175	2,259 12	7,824 30	" "
Fishkill	M. B. Thomas	81	4	3	....	...	5	182	....	3	....	.....	1	*104	122 09	1,844 24	Fishkill, "
Hopewell	C. H. Polhemus	145	5	2	2	...	4	257	1	4	.....	20	5	255	112 95	1,504 62	Hopewell Junction, "
New Hackensack	Henry Ward	100	2	1	4	...	1	156	2	1	.....	40	5	250	312 50	1,399 72	New Hackensack, "
Hyde Park	Frank E. Kavanagh	60	....	....	5	...	2	110	2	....	.....	.....	1	40	28 39	2,074 02	Hyde Park, "
Fishkill-on-Hudson	Charles W. Fritts	120	11	6	2	...	2	†250	2	2	.....	.....	1	207	646 46	4,581 74	Fishkill-on-Hudson, "
Rhinebeck	L. Walter Lott	100	3	2	4	...	5	198	....	....	.....	.....	1	130	276 65	2,319 88	Rhinebeck, "
Glenham	W. W. Schomp	37	7	....	....	...	2	60	....	....	.....	.....	1	96	51 63	676 42	Glenham "
Cold Spring	J. W. Gowen	26	9	3	1	...	2	60	8	5	.....	50	1	86	25	1,066 33	Cold Spring, "
Millbrook	J. Edward Lyall	75	3	....	9	...	1	104	6	2	.....	.....	3	130	143 26	1,369 53	Millbrook, "
	Total	1076	68	33	49	...	34	2047	34	27	.....	110	21	1801	$6,052 87	$27,561 62	

Other Ministers.—Rev. C. S. Hageman, Nyack, N. Y.; Rev. A. Mattice, Pine Plains, N. Y.; Rev. G. R. Garretson, Brooklyn, N. Y., Rev. H. N. Cobb, 34 Vesey St., New York; Rev. C. R. Blauvelt, Nyack, N. Y.; Rev. H. Dater, Hawthorne, N. J.

†Revised List. *Last Year's Report.

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.

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Berea	Adrian Westveer	73	8	3	8	...	2	129	7	2	.....	22	1	103	$116 47	$841 06	Walden, N. Y.
Bloomingburgh	James B. Wilson	60	7	9	3	...	2	117	3	3	.....	20	1	93	45 57	1,021 50	Bloomingburgh, "
Callicoon		57	...	...	...	...	3	149	7	...	.....	20	...	85	13	.....	Callicoon, "
Claraville	Vacant	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	.....	...	...	...	.....	.....	Claraville, "
Cuddebackville	Herman Hageman	58	18	6	..	...	5	80	1	12	.....	50	2	125	23 49	520 88	Cuddebackville, "
Port Jervis	Goyn Talmage	190	12	5	3	...	5	294	11	5	...	150	2	414	641 45	5,895 04	Port Jervis, "
Ellenville	John Hutchins	99	2	10	5	1	4	201	8	1	.....	.....	1	266	284 73	3,279 64	Ellenville, "
Woodbourne	Walter S. Brown	90	2	2	5	...	2	114	9	...	.....	.....	..	65	100	800	Woodbourne, "
Grahamsville	Vacant	.....	1	...	5	...	..	120	...	...	.....	.....	1	100	3 85	352 89	Grahamsville, "
Kerhonkson	Vacant	50	3	...	2	...	1	60	1	2	.....	.....	..	50	.....	100	Kerhonkson, "
Wurtsboro	Vacant	48	4	8	1	...	2	111	1	2	.....	.....	1	70	6	300	Wurtsboro, "
Montague	J. L Stillwell	85	4	2	..	...	3	45	5	4	10	.....	2	100	4	1,868 19	Montague, N. J.
Montgomery	Ferdinand S. Schenck	185	11	8	4	...	6	410	11	5	.....	100	4	200	1,156 55	9,843 11	Montgomery, N. Y.
Newburgh	Henry V. S. Myers	197	15	15	18	...	4	423	6	...	116	35	1	171	401 13	.....	Newburgh, "
New Hurley	Robert H. Beattie	109	2	5	4	1	3	151	4	1	.....	.....	..	130	184 67	1,076 18	New Hurley, "
Pine Bush	John T. Demarest	80	1	1	...	..	8	133	...	...	.....	.....	2	98	120	.....	Pine Bush, "
Bruynswick	Peter K. Hageman	75	8	3	6	1	...	190	7	6	.....	.....	4	150	73 61	1,221 82	Bruynswick, "
Grahamsville	Vacant	.....	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	.....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	Grahamsville, "
Walden	M. V. Schoonmaker	80	8	7	5	...	4	190	10	3	.....	100	1	200	370	1,800	Walden, "
Walkill	Richard DeWitt (s. c.)	70	13	7	5	...	...	111	2	5	37	30	1	80	58 29	1,252 82	Walkill, "
Dingman's Bridge (Upper)	Vacant	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	Dingman's Bridge, Pa.
Bushkill (Lower)	H. L. Rex	70	...	...	...	...	3	130	1	...	.....	65	2	100	47 22	700	Bushkill, "
Napanoch	George D. Lydecker	61	...	2	7	...	1	83	2	...	.....	.....	3	170	71 23	1,015 49	Napanoch, N. Y.
	Total	1737	119	93	81	3	68	3241	96	51	163	582	29	2770	$3,719 26	$31,888 62	

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CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.					BAP.		Number of Baptized non-communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. on Profession.	Rec'd. by Certificate.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Adults.	Infants.		Number of Catechumens.	Number of Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Bronxville	Vacant	45	8	1	6	...	1	88	7	8	21	70	1	75	$769 63	$1,471 11	Bronxville, N. Y.
Cortlandtown	Joseph A. Harper..	80	1	....	1	...	1	85	.....	.....	.....	40	2	125	116 88	911 72	Montrose, "
Fordham	William Anderson	65	5	4	1	...	2	105	5	.....	.....	110	1	125	1,051 17	3,660 68	Fordham, New York City.
Greenburg	William E. Turner*	22	.....	.....	.....	...	1	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	62	.....	625	Elmsford, Westchester Co.
Greenville	Vacant	18	8	....	2	...	4	51	1	2	.....	.....	1	42	49 24	800	Scarsdale " N. Y.
Hastings-on-Hudson	Mattoon M. Curtis	70	21	7	2	...	1	111	3	12	.....	.....	1	155	175	1,000	Hastings-on.Hudson, "
Melrose	John E. Lang	59	16	.....	.....	...	3	126	11	1	.....	24	1	352	26	1,726 77	Elton Av, cor. 156th St, N.Y.C
Mount Vernon	Chas.K.Clearwater(s.c)	150	13	18	9	...	...	†302	12	2	130	178	1	309	879 48	5,173 18	Mount Vernon, N. Y.
Peekskill	Henry De Vries	55	9	1	1	...	...	118	1	5	.....	.....	1	96	18 29	870 90	Peekskill, "
Tarrytown, First	John K. Allen	102	2	3	2	...	4	250	2	.....	.....	.....	1	210	634 34	3,788 18	Tarrytown, "
Tarrytown, Second	John A. Todd	100	10	5	8	...	7	334	6	1	.....	56	1	120	735 86	3,005 38	Tarrytown, "
Unionville‡	Vacant	59	.....	.....	.....	...	...	85	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	90	.....	.....	Neperan, "
West Farms	James Bolton.*	26	....	2	6	...	2	47	.....	.....	.....	95	1	125	40 41	862 73	1295 Woodruff St., N. Y. City.
Yonkers	David Cole	150	12	12	8	...	7	†357	21	8	110	181	1	212	1,073 44	5,875 88	Yonkers, N. Y.
	Total	1001	105	53	46	...	33	2075	69	29	261	754	15	2088	$5,469 74	$29,771 48	

Other Ministers.—Rev. William Brush, Morristown, N. J.; Rev. Lawrence H. Van Dyck, Merritt's Corners, Westchester Co., N. Y.; Rev. Wm. W. Rand, American Tract Society, 150 Nassau St., New York; Rev. Howard Harris, Missionary, Japan; Rev. George A. Ries; Rev. Alexander Watson, Sing Sing, N. Y.; Rev. Edward J. Runk, New York; Rev. A. Messler Quick, 56 7th Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.; Rev. Wm. S. Moore, Yonkers, N. Y.

Candidate.—Henry J. Bogardus, M.D., 135 E. 42d St., N. Y.

*Pastor Elect. †Revised Roll. ‡Last Year's Report.

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK, FOR YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 1884.

CLASSES.	Churches.	Ministers.	Number of Families.	Receiv'd		Total now in Communion.	Baptized		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. & B. S. & S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		STATED CLERKS
				On Confession.	On Certificate.		Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Arcot	28	11	1380	100	111	1642	183	63	1289	1103	81	2963	$369	$563	Rev. John H. Wyckoff.
Hudson	10	9	1096	71	47	1891	55	29	196	318	15	1542	3,464 80	16,016 96	Rev. T. S. Dusinberre.
Kingston	14	15	1401	60	34	2330	85	15	1129	545	28	2277	1,925 92	16,080 38	Rev. J. F. Harris.
North Long Island	21	23	2359	140	95	4191	251	10	367	982	29	7153	5,108 28	58,229 26	Rev. Wm. H. Ten Eyck.
South Long Island	17	25	1844	222	123	3835	230	51	1899	1883	25	6199	24,787 48	67,912 65	Rev. Robert G. Strong.
New York	22	41	2801	466	190	6825	298	62	1098	4007	26	9075	52,417 02	75,553 01	Rev. Abram Thompson.
Orange	23	20	1737	119	93	3241	96	51	163	582	29	2770	3,719 26	31,888 62	Rev. Richard De Witt.
Poughkeepsie	11	17	1076	68	38	2047	34	27	*264	110	21	1801	6,052 87	27,561 62	Rev. A. P. Van Gieson.
Westchester	14	20	1001	105	53	2075	69	29	261	754	15	2088	5,469 74	29,771 48	Rev. Charles K. Clearwater.
Total	155	181	14695	1351	779	25067	1801	337	6666	10284	269	35868	$103,314 37	$323,569 96	

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ARTICLE VIII.

CLASSICAL MINUTES.

The Committee on Classical Minutes reported by its Sub-Committees on the Minutes of each of the Classes as follows, and the reports were accepted and adopted:

Classis of Hudson.—The Committee on the Minutes of the Classis of Hudson respectfully report that the record contains nothing to elicit our notice, except the answers to the constitutional questions. All the answers to the second question are in the affirmative save one, which is "in part," and the answer to the third question is affirmative from the ten churches. The book has been kept with extreme neatness.

D. B. WYCKOFF, *Chairman.*

Classis of Kingston.—The Committee on the Minutes of the Classis of Kingston would most respectfully report that they have reviewed the Minutes, and find them to be correct and well kept. They would record their approbation of the faithfulness of the pastors of the several churches to their ministerial vows, as observed in the explanation of the Heidelberg Catechism and the instruction of the youth, every church having a pastor answering "yes" to questions two and three.

A. I. MARTINE, *Chairman.*
E. W. TAPP.

North Classis of Long Island.—The Committee on the Minutes of the North Classis of Long Island respectfully report that it has examined the records of said Classis and find them kept in good order. The answers to the constitutional questions stand as follows: 1, in the affirmative by all; 2, by all except *eight;* 3, by all except *one;* 4, 5, 6, by all; 7, by all except *six.*

Resolved, That the Classis see to it that all the questions receive an affirmative answer from every church.

JACOB WEBER, *Chairman.*
HENRY CAMERDEN, JR.

South Classis of Long Island.—The Committee on the Minutes of the South Classis of Long Island respectfully submit the following:

In the Minutes of the Special Session of July 9th, 1883, it is stated that the call from the Church of Flatlands was formally accepted before it was approved by Classis. No irregularity may have occurred in the action of Classis, but if the record states the facts, the action was unconstitutional.

In the report of the Committee on Synodical Minutes at the Session of October 16th, 1883, there is no mention of the change of the title of the financial officer of Classis from Questor to Treasurer.

With these exceptions we find the Minutes in good order. The answers to the constitutional questions are as follows: To 2d, fourteen "yes," two "no;" to 3d, all "yes."

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM J. LEGGETT, *Chairman.*
THEOPHILUS A. BROUWER.

Classis of New York.—The Committee on the Minutes of the Classis of New York report that they find nothing requiring the attention of Synod; that the communication referred to them from the Classis of New York touching the action of the Particular Synod of 1883 concerns a mere informality, and that the subsequent action of the Classis in the matter is satisfactory.

We find that all the churches answer in the affirmative to the second question but one, which answers "in part." The same is true of the third question.

Respectfully submitted,

T. S. DUSINBERRE, *Chairman.*

Classis of Orange.—The Committee on the Minutes of the Classis of Orange would respectfully report that they find them well kept and in order, with the following exceptions: Of the 23 churches composing that Classis eight make no report, many of the churches being without pastors. Two report negatively to questions second and third. Eight answer in the negative to the second question, in the affirmative

to the 3d, while only four of the whole number answer in the affirmative to both questions.

JOHN B. CHURCH, *Chairman.*

Classis of Poughkeepsie.—The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the Classis of Poughkeepsie respectfully report that they have examined the record of proceedings from April 17, 1882, to date (as these Minutes were not presented last year), and find it correctly kept. In April, 1883, in answer to the second constitutional question, seven churches answer "yes" and three answer "no;" to the third question six answer "no" and only four answer "yes." In April, 1884, seven churches answer "yes" to the first question and three answer "no," while seven churches answer "no" to the third question and only three answer "yes." Inasmuch as this examination shows a continued and even increasing tendency on the part of the Classis to ignore the constitutional requirements suggested by questions two and three, therefore be it

Resolved, That the attention of the Classis of Poughkeepsie be directed to these negative answers to the end that the duty enjoined may be more faithfully performed, and thereby, if possible, affirmative answers be received from every church.

WM. D. PERRY, *Chairman.*

Classis of Westchester.—The Committee on the Minutes of the Classis of Westchester respectfully report that they find said Minutes substantially correct, and there is therefore nothing special to report. They notice, however, that in several cases of the special meetings that were held, the reading of the Minutes was dispensed with, which however may be proper, by resolution of Classis. The Committee would also call attention to the fact that in regard to the constitutional inquiries, six churches respond "no" to the second question, and three to question third.

P. K. HAGEMAN, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE IX.

CLASSICAL APPEALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE X.

CLASSICAL REFERENCES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XI.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XII.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIII.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIV.

SCHOOLS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XV.

STUDENTS IN THEOLOGY.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVI.

SIGNING THE FORMULA.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVII.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS.

Attended to by the Committees on Classical Minutes.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SYNODICAL INJUNCTIONS.

Injunctions included in reports of Committees on Classical Minutes.

ARTICLE XIX.

PARTICULARIA.

The first hour of Tuesday afternoon, after the organization, was passed in devotional exercises, led by the Vice-President of the Synod.

The first half hour of Wednesday morning's session was also spent in devotional services, led by the Rev. T. W. Chambers.

The Communion of the Lord's Supper was celebrated on the evening of the first day, immediately after the Synodical Sermon. The Form was read by the President of Synod. The Bread was administered by the Rev. Richard De Witt, and the Cup by the Rev. Ferdinand S. Schenck. The distribution was made by the Elders Henry Camerden, Jr., Cornelius Rapelye, Ward Carpenter and James R. Lott.

On motion it was

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be extended by this Synod to the retiring Stated Clerk, Rev. Anson Du Bois, D.D., for his long-continued and efficient services in fulfilling the duties of his position.

A Special Committee, consisting of Rev. Roderick Terry, D.D., pastor of the church, Rev. Nicholas Pearse, and Elder Theophilus A. Brouwer, was appointed to fix the hours of meeting and adjournment of the sittings of this body, and to make arrangements for the religious exercises and the reading of the Papers. The Committee reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

Tuesday afternoon, adjourn at 5:30; re-assemble, 7:30 in the evening. Wednesday morning, devotional exercises from 9 to 9:30 o'clock; adjourn at 12:30 o'clock P. M. Reassemble (if session continues) at 2 P. M.

Rev. Wm. Smith to read his paper on the "Causes and Tendencies of Popular Scepticism," during the hour for devotional exercises, Tuesday afternoon. The Synodical Sermon and Communion to take place according to rule of Synod. Revs. E. B. Coe and U. D. Gulick to read their papers on "Christianity and Science," and "The Relations of the Church to the College and Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J.," respectively, at 11:30 Wednesday morning. The other exercises, and arrangements for them, as recorded.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be heartily extended to the Revs. William Smith, Edward B. Coe, and U. D. Gulick, for the carefully prepared and instructive papers read on the subjects assigned to them.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the Committee on Nominations select subjects and assign papers on the same, to be presented at the next Annual Session of Particular Synod.

The Committee reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

1. That a paper be read on "The Bible and Materialism," by Rev. Ferdinand S. Schenck, of Montgomery, N. Y.

2. That a paper be read on "The Promises in the Psalms, as read in the light of the New Testament," by Rev. Talbot W. Chambers, of New York.

3. That a paper be read on "The Doctrine of a Future Life in the Old Testament," by Rev. John Forsyth, of Newburgh, N. Y.

According to resolution, Rev. Dr. Wm. J. R. Taylor, of Newark, N. J., was heard by Particular Synod on behalf of the Board of Foreign Missions.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk procure the printing of the usual number (450) of copies of the Minutes of this Session.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be authorized to have the Minutes of this Particular Synod, from 1874 to 1883 (ten years), bound into one volume, to succeed the volumes of Minutes already bound.

An invitation was presented through the Vice-President, from the Rev. David Cole, D.D., that Particular Synod meet in the Reformed Church of Yonkers at its next Annual Session in 1885. The invitation was accepted.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be extended to the pastor and people of the South Reformed Church, for their hospitable entertainment of Synod.

ARTICLE XX.

THE TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

The Treasurer presented the following report and account, which were referred to the Committee on the Treasurer's Account, and their report upon them was accepted and adopted:

To the Particular Synod of New York:

The Treasurer, in presenting his account, is pleased to report payment in full from all the Classes composing Synod, and as the balance of moneys remaining in his hands will very nearly meet the obligations of Synod for the ensuing year, would respectfully suggest that he be authorized to omit the assessment of Classes for the year ending May 1st, 1885.

Respectfully submitted,

THEOPHILUS A. BROUWER,
Treasurer.

NEW YORK, May 5, 1884.

PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK, in account with
THEOPHILUS A. BROUWER, *Treasurer.*

1883.		Dr.	
June	18.	To Cash paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt, acting Stated Clerk, for stationary	$1 84
"	18.	" Cash paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt, acting Stated Clerk, for traveling expenses	92
"	18.	" Cash paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt, acting Stated Clerk, for postage	4 00
"	18.	" Cash paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt, acting Stated Clerk, for doorkeeper at Brighton Heights	2 00
"	18.	" Cash paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt, for copy of minutes of General Synod	75
July	11.	" Cash paid Hosford & Sons for printing Minutes of 1883 (450 copies)	121 53
"	11.	" Cash paid Rev. Anson Du Bois, D.D., for salary as Stated Clerk to May, 1884	100 00
1884.			
May	5.	" Cash Balance due Synod to new account	225 13
			$455 67

1883.		Cr.	
May	1.	To Cash Balance from old account	$140 67
July	5.	" Cash from Rev. Wm H. Vroom, Treasurer Classis of Kingston	33 00
Nov.	23.	" Cash from Rev. R. G. Strong, Treasurer South Classis of Long Island	45 00
"	24.	" Cash from Rev. W. S. Brown, Treasurer Classis of Orange	47 00
Dec.	19.	" Cash from Rev. W. H. Ten Eyck, Treasurer North Classis of Long Island	52 00
1884.			
March	18.	" Cash from Rev. Carlos Martyn, Treasurer Classis of New York	54 00
April	9.	" Cash from Rev. A. P. Van Gieson, Treasurer Classis of Poughkeepsie	28 00
"	21.	" Cash from Robt. B. Shepard, Esq., Treasurer Classis of Hudson	24 00
"	28.	" Cash from Rev. J. A. Harper, Treasurer Classis of Westchester	32 00
			$455 67

E. E. NEW YORK, May 5th, 1884.

The Committee on the Treasurer's Report would respectfully report that they have examined the Treasurer's account with the vouchers and find them correct, and that there is a balance due the Synod of $225.13.

The Committee also recommend that the above suggestion of the Treasurer be adopted by Synod.

Respectfully yours,

CHAS. S HAGEMAN, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XXI.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL SYNOD.

The following were appointed:

Classis of Arcot.

Rev. W. W. Scudder.

Classis of Hudson.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Wm. J. Leggett.	Elder Stephen Rossman.
" Geo. Le Fevre.	" Daniel Snyder.
" A. J. Sebring.	" Walter V. Ten Brock.

SECUNDI.

Rev. T. S. Dusinberre.	Elder Stephen H. Shutts.
" Wm. D. Perry.	" Gilbert Plass.
" Jas. C. Garretson.	" Levi E. Raught.

Classis of Kingston.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Calvin E. Lasher.	Elder Abram D. Deyo.
" Ame Vennema.	" Lambert Jenkins.
" Wm. H. Vroom.	" Jacob L. Snyder.

SECUNDI.

Rev. DeWitt B. Wykoff.	Elder J. Scott Smith.
" Paul T. Deyo.	" Benjamin Markle.
" Stephen D. Noyes.	" Augustus Schoonmaker.

North Classis of Long Island.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Andrew Hageman.	Elder Geo. D. Ditmis.
" H. C. Berg.	" Chas. D. Neufville.
" Chas. J. Shepard.	" John DeBevoise.
" W. H. Ten Eyck.	" Dan'l V. Weeks.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Henry Frech.	Elder John Ehlen.
" Geo. D. Hulst.	" A. H. Downer.
" M. L. Haines.	" C. Rapelye.
" O. E. Cobb.	" Thos. S. Shepard.

South Classis of Long Island.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Alex. R. Thompson.	Elder S. B. Dutcher.
" D. N. Vanderveer.	" J. L. Voorhees.
" U. D. Gulick.	" Aaron Lott.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Walter T. Griffin.	Elder Ditmas Jewell.
" Nicholas Pearse.	" Rich'd Remsen.
" Jacob Weber.	" A. J. Hazen.

Classis of New York.

PRIMARII.

Rev. John H. Oerter.	Elder R. N. Perlee.
" A. G. Vermilye.	" J. H. Hankinson.
" Giles H. Mandeville.	" W. N. Clark.
" H. DuBois.	" H. A. Searle.

SECUNDI.

Rev. James M. Dickson.	Elder H. P. Allen.
" Roderick Terry.	" J. W. Miller.
" E. S. Fairchild.	" William Maul.
" E. A. Reed.	" Wm. Bogardus.

Classis of Orange.

PRIMARII.

Rev. S. W. Mills.	Elder Thomas J. Bonnell.
" M. V. Schoonmaker.	" Joseph Hasbrouck.
" E. W. Bentley.	" Andrew Schoonmaker.
" G. S. Garretson.	" W. S. Northrup.

SECUNDI.

Rev. John Hutchins.	Elder N. C. Clark.
" John A. Staats.	" S. Van Inwagen.
" R. H. Beattie.	" Chas. Clearwater.
" J. T. Demarest.	" Milton Terwilliger.

Classis of Poughkeepsie.

PRIMARII.

Rev. C. H. Polhemus.	Elder James A. Seward.
" M. B. Thomas.	" Wm. H. Crosby.
" J. Edward Lyall.	" C. C. More.

SECUNDI.

Rev. H. Ward.	Elder A. B. Van Wyck.
" A. P. Van Gieson.	" Alfred Drury.
" J. Elmendorf.	" Walter Brett.

Classis of Westchester.

PRIMARII.

Rev. David Cole.	Elder George Steward.
" John K. Allen.	" J. A. Van Tassel.
" James Bolton.	" Theodotus Burwell.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Wm. W. Rand.	Elder J. B. Gregory, M. D.
" John A. Todd.	" A. S. Levines.
" Wm. Anderson.	" Josiah Valentine.

ARTICLE XXII.

INSTRUCTIONS TO DELEGATES.

A resolution to instruct the delegates to next General Synod in regard to the action of General Synod of 1883, on the Memorial from the Classis of Poughkeepsie, was laid on the table.

ARTICLE XXIII.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Synod adjourned to meet in Annual Session in the Reformed Church of Yonkers, N. Y., on the first Tuesday of May, A. D. 1885, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

CLOSE OF SYNOD.

The Minutes were read and approved, the roll was called, and the Synod adjourned after prayer by Rev. M. L. Haines, and the pronouncing of the Apostolic Benediction by the President.

Signed,

D. N. VANDERVEER, *President.*
F. S. SCHENCK, *Vice-President.*

GEO. D. LYDECKER,
AME VENNEMA, } *Temporary Clerks.*

Official Copy.

DANIEL VAN PELT, *Stated Clerk.*

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THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN THE REFORMED CHURCH OF YONKERS, N. Y., ON THE 5TH OF MAY, 1885, AT 3 O'CLOCK, P. M., AND ADJOURNED AT 2.50 O'CLOCK, P. M. OF THE SECOND DAY OF THE SESSION.

FORMATION OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

Synod was opened with prayer by the President of the last Synod, Rev. D. N. Vanderveer, who preached the sermon before Synod on the evening of the first day of the Session from Isaiah 32:2—"And a man shall be as a hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Classis of Arcot. ——— ———

Classis of Hudson.—Ministers—William D. Perry, James C. Garretson. *Elder*—John C. Newkirk.

Classis of Kingston.—Ministers—J. Ferguson Harris, Paul T. Deyo, S. D. Noyes, James M. Compton.—*Elders*—Hon. T. R. Westbrook, S. P. Freer.

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ARTICLE III.

MODERATORS.

The Rev. Herman C. Berg was elected President, and the Rev. Alfred H. Brush, Vice-President; the Revs. J. A. Billingsley and Robert H. Barr, were elected Temporary Clerks.

ARTICLE IV.

MINUTES AND BEQUEST.

The Minutes of the Session of 1884 were read, and the printed record of them approved. The Bequest of the Rev. Elias Van Benschoten was read.

ACTS OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Rules of Order were read.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were the Standing Committees:

ON SYNODICAL MINUTES.—*Ministers*—Joachim Elmendorf, John Hutchins, Ernest Gutweiler. *Elders*—R. R. Crosby, J. Parker Heath, I. C. See.

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ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

A communication was received from the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, informing Synod that the Board had authorized the Rev. A. V. V. Raymond to present the interests of said Board before this Synod. It was referred to the Special Committee on Devotional Exercises, etc.

A communication was received from the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Domestic Missions, stating that the Rev. Abram Thompson was commissioned to present the interests of the Board before this Synod. Referred to the same Committee.

ARTICLE IV.

GENERAL SYNOD.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Synodical Minutes beg leave to report that they have examined the Minutes of the Particular Synods, and those of General Synod, and find nothing in them claiming the attention of Synod except the instruction on page 465, that the Stated Clerks of Particular Synods are instructed to send the printed Minutes of the Synods to the Chairman of the Permanent Committee on the State of Religion, being the President of the last General Synod, at the earliest practicable moment, that he may prepare a digest of the same.

Your Committee would suggest the propriety of publishing in the Annual Minutes, a list of the Presidents and Places of Meeting of this Synod like that published in the Minutes of the Particular Synod of Albany, and if the suggestion be favorably regarded, would move that such list be published.

J. ELMENDORF, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE V.

OTHER PARTICULAR SYNODS.

Copies of the Minutes of the Particular Synods of Albany, Chicago and New Brunswick were received, and referred to the Committee on Synodical Minutes.

ARTICLE VI.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE VII.

CLASSICAL REPORTS.

The Committee on Classical Reports, or the State of Religion, reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on the State of Religion ask leave to submit the following report:

Having examined the reports of the several Classes constituting this Synod, we find that they show the past year to have been one of more than average spiritual prosperity among our churches. Some of them have experienced in marked degree the Holy Spirit's presence and power, and have been permitted to rejoice in large ingatherings from the world. Many, although without much revival, have yet had unusual accessions upon confession of faith. The total number so received is 1,507, 156 more than that of last year, and 112 more than that of two years ago, and making an average of nearly ten to each church. This is above the average received on confession throughout the denomination since 1877. So far as such reports can express the state of religion, this is doubtless the most vital and decisive of all our statistical columns, and here our blessing has been greatest. Your Committee cannot but feel that this signal manifestation of the Divine favor calls for devout gratitude to the great Head of the Church, and that it should be full of inspiration to larger consecration among His people for the coming year.

We note, in this connection, that the good work of revising church rolls still goes forward. So thorough and extended has such revision been that the total number of communicants falls 133 below that of last year, although still remaining more than 100 above that reported two years ago. Your Committee heartily commend persistence in this right direction, till all such misrepresentations of the actual life and strength of our churches shall disappear from our statistical tables.

Your Committee further observe with pleasure the steady growth of our Sunday Schools, the total enrollment showing an increase of nearly 2,000, which is about the same as the gain of the preceding year.

In the matter of the finances there has been, as was perhaps to have been expected in view of prevailing business depression, a considerable decline. In money for congregational purposes this amounts to over $22,000. But so far as can be judged this shows merely that the year has not been a favorable one for debt raising, or for the improvement of church property, and does not indicate diminished interest in the actual and adequate support of the regular means of grace.

In benevolence happily the decrease is much less, amounting to but little over $1,300. Indeed two-thirds of our Classes report a gain in benevolence over that of last year. Your Committee cannot but feel that, although more than $100,000 have been thus raised within the bounds of this Synod, a much larger sum than this might be and ought to be contributed by these churches; and they are constrained to express the earnest hope that the coming year may witness a marked advance along this line. It is further their growing conviction that this matter is mainly one of pastoral fidelity. The average *per capita* varies widely in the different Classes as the appended table will show—the general average being quite small, and the highest certainly not large. Obviously it is only fair to omit Arcot.

Classis of New York,	average gift	per member,	$6 89
South Classis of L. I.,	"	"	6 07
Classis of Poughkeepsie,	"	"	3 35
Classis of Westchester,	"	"	2 78
Classis of Hudson,	"	"	1 89
North Classis of L. I.,	"	"	1 79
Classis of Orange,	"	"	1 23
Classis of Kingston,	"	"	87

Average per member for Particular Synod of New York, $3 82, Arcot omitted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ALFRED J. HUTTON, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF ARCOT.

The Stated Clerk writes: I have nothing of special interest to report. The work is quietly going on, and the Gospel is continually preached to the heathen, and we expect to reap in the Lord's own good time. We need an outpouring of the Spirit, for which we are earnestly praying and looking, and we trust the Church at home do not forget us at the mercy seat.

JOHN SCUDDER, *Stated Clerk.*

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.

The Committee on the State of Religion have received reports from the ten churches. They mark the usual vigorous life of this Classis. We are not fast, but go steady and sure.

We note no showers of Divine grace have fallen as upon other portions of our denomination, though a hopeful spirit exists and the average increase on confession has occurred. The church of Livingston, at Linlithgo, has reaped largely in proportion to its size. As some church rolls have been revised, there is a decrease of the total number in communion.

We note some of the churches report direct work to secure enlargement and increased interest away from the centre. Religious services have been held in outskirts, district Sunday Schools have been established, and other advisable labors effected. Two of the churches have repaired their respective sanctuaries.

In spite of a general financial depression, contributions are in advance of those of last year.

We append some of the remarks by the individual churches:

First Claverack, "during the past year has continued to improve its property, keeping a balance in the treasury. Extra religious meetings have been held in three neighborhoods in the outskirts of the congregation during the winter, and in two of these neighborhoods, Sabbath Schools are held during the summer."

Second Claverack reports "a generally good attendance on the services of the sanctuary, rather more than usual interest

in Sabbath School work, two weekly Prayer-meetings throughout the year, and four during the winter. Besides meeting the ordinary expenses of the church, we have enlarged and reconstructed our basement, frescoed the Philmont Chapel, and made other improvements to the cost of nine hundred dollars, and are substantially free from debt."

Gallatin. "The year has been one of quiet development and evenly tempered spiritually." As the result of a few weeks of special effort, the Gallatinville neighborhood has been religiously awakened, and a few have been gathered from it into the Church of our Lord. "While death has been rife on every hand, only two of the flock of Christ have passed away."

Greenport. "It has been a year of united, harmonious and steady work. A new Sunday School has been organized and successfully conducted during the summer months, and ground prepared for still another one. All religious services have been well attended. During the Fall and Winter months meetings have been held every two weeks in each of six neighborhoods. All pecuniary obligations have been promptly and fully met."

Linlithgow. "While our review of the past year presents nothing special, yet abundant cause may be found for great gratitude in our common mercies. We would not overlook the fact that God has honored his chosen instrumentalities. We would be found in 'labors more abundant,' that when the Master calls us to 'rest from our labors' our 'works may follow us.'"

Livingston at Linlithgo. "We have, as a church, enjoyed God's blessings, both spiritual and temporal during the past year. New members have been received on confession of their faith at each communion season; and although there have been no extra meetings held, besides the usual week of prayer, there have been more conversions this year than in any other year since the organization of the church. Both the interior and exterior of the church have been painted, and the interior has been handsomely decorated."

Upper Red Hook. "The Sabbath services have been

usually well attended, the Sunday School well filled, and the weekly Prayer-meeting has yielded a fair average. One pleasing and hopeful feature of the latter is the large number of young in attendance. A weekly meeting for Bible study, more immediately in connection with the Sabbath School, has been conducted with marked success. While there has been an increase of interest in the Foreign Mission work, we are glad to make mention of an unusual awakening in the department of Domestic Missions. Every appeal for benevolence has been met with cheerful response."

West Copake. "Not a member has died. The Spirit has been in the church guiding and deepening both holy and judicious impressions. Some members have grown in a surprising degree; they have become more conscientious, and hesitate no longer to generally exert a wholesome influence. Each department of church work continues in a healthy condition. The attendance upon Divine worship in all weather has been very cheering. The large Sunday School is the same interested and assiduous nursery we have shared a few years. The contributions to meet all current expenses have been readily made."

Germantown. "Death has done much work in our membership. The finances of the church are good. The prayer and social meetings of the church are fairly attended by the ladies. The attendance on the Sabbath Day services, both morning and evening, is excellent."

Hudson "desires to acknowledge the measure of divine favor enjoyed during the past year. The usual means of grace have been well attended. The labor of the Sunday School has been increasing and successful, while the mid-week services have been well sustained."

The Rev. Harlan Page Blair has been received from the Classis of Westchester, and was installed May 13th, 1884, as pastor of the church of Germantown. The relation between the Rev. William Smith and the church of Hudson, has been dissolved to take effect August 1st, 1885.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. C. GARRETSON, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.

Your Committee on the State of Religion respectfully present the following:

All the churches of the Classis except one, are now happily supplied with pastors, under whose care they have been growing both in spirituality and in numbers.

It is with sorrow that we fail to observe in our churches any special work of God's grace, or any copious outpouring of His spirit. But the hearts of God's servants are full of hope and expectancy. And if we pray with increased fervor and importunity, and apply to the work hearts more fully consecrated to God, before another year shall have passed, the Lord will visit us with His salvation, and we shall be able to testify to better things.

The following extracts from the Consistorial Reports give a brief survey of the several fields within the bounds of this Classis:—

The Church of Bloomingdale has been well attended, but feels call to prayer and humiliation in view of the apparent small results that have followed the privileges of the Gospel. The Sabbath School is the largest in the town.

The Church of the Clove is externally prosperous, having removed debts which had previously accumulated. The presence of the Divine Spirit and His willingness to bless, have been attested. The Sunday Schools are flourishing.

The Church of Dashville Falls reports that the year has been characterized by a quiet, steady growth of the church in devotedness to the cause of the Master. The Holy Spirit has won a goodly number of trophies for our King from the young and middle aged.

The Church of Guilford reports nothing of special interest in relation to its spiritual condition, but hopes and prays for greater manifestations of God's goodness and redeeming love. The Church has been called to mourn the loss of one of its most highly esteemed Elders, Mr. Abraham D. De Yo.

The Church of Hurley makes mention of its benevolent contributions as an indication of loyalty to the Savior's cause. Two of its young men are in course of preparation

for the ministry, at New Brunswick. The Sabbath School is prosperous, and its room is receiving improvement.

The Church of Kingston, Fair Street, has enjoyed a steady, quiet growth in the various departments of the work. A manual of the church and congregation has been published for the convenience of its officers, and to bring those who worship together into a closer acquaintance. The Sunday School is in a flourishing condition.

The Church of Krumville is in a healthy spiritual condition. That it has received few accessions to its numbers is due to want of material, rather than of spiritual interest. An acting elder has been removed by death.

The Churches of Marbletown and *North Marbletown* state that the attendance upon the means of grace has been good, and it is believed that the preached Word has been blessed to God's people, in the building up of their most holy faith. Although few have been converted to God, it is hoped that in His own time and way, the workings of the spirit will be manifest.

The Church of New Paltz has been favored with plain indications of God's presence and blessing, wherefore it is devoutly thankful. An unusually large number of communicants have been removed by death, most of whom, however, the Lord had satisfied with long life, eleven being upwards of three score and ten at their decease.

The Church of Rochester sees in each department of church work and life, signs of health as the result of the use of the stated means of grace. The temporal interests of the church have been well cared for.

The Church of Rosendale amid its discouragements, enjoys signs of encouragement, which, if permanent, omen good to the church. The people seem willing to meet every financial obligation. The interest in the Prayer-meetings is much greater than at the beginning of the ecclesiastical year. If the spirit continues which now characterizes the pastor, the consistory, and the congregation, then the church of Rosendale, will, with the Divine blessing, before many years, attain a commendable position among the churches of the Classis.

The Church of St. Remy has been prospered in temporal affairs. An addition to the church building, doubling its seating capacity has been made. Harmony and good-will have prevailed. The Sabbath School and Prayer-meetings have been kept up during the entire year, and both have been well attended. No great work of the spirit can be reported.

The following ministerial changes have taken place during the year:

Rev. V. M. Hulbert, D.D., has been dismissed to the Classis of Michigan. Rev. James Demarest, Jr., D.D., has been dismissed to the Classis of Montgomery. Rev. M. N. Oliver has been received from the Classis of Philadelphia, and installed pastor of the church of Rosendale. Rev. R. P. Milliken has been received from the Classis of Orange and installed pastor of the church at Dashville Falls. The licentiate Bastian Smits has been received under the care of this Classis, from the Classis of Michigan, ordained to the Gospel Ministry, and installed pastor of the church of Marbletown, at Stone Ridge.

Respectfully submitted,

AME VENNEMA, *Chairman.*

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

Your Committee on the State of Religion has received reports from all the churches in the Classis, although a few have neglected to furnish us with anything beyond the facts contained in the statistical columns.

In examining the reports of the several churches, we find there is a marked improvement in the contributions to religious and benevolent purposes.

While there has not been as large an increase by certificate as last year, the number received on confession of faith is much greater.

Many of the churches have been greatly encouraged and blessed by the presence and power of the spirit of God.

Jamaica reports that the Chapel at East Jamaica has been completed and dedicated. "This chapel, situated between Queens and Jamaica, affords the members of both congrega-

tions living in that section, a convenient place for holding Sunday School, Prayer-meetings and other religious exercises, under the direction of the Reformed Church"; and that during the past year, notwithstanding financial depression, and the increased expense owing to the erection of the new chapel, "the contributions for religious and benevolent purposes have been larger than recorded for any previous year."

Newtown reports "much to be thankful for. The Word preached has not been in vain." A Woman's Missionary Society and a Sabbath School Missionary Society have been organized, and by these means larger amounts than ever before have been contributed to Missionary work.

Oyster Bay rejoices in greater financial stability, and in the doubling of benevolent contributions during the past year; and although there has been no marked increase in numbers, this church is still hoping for the outpouring of the Spirit in answer to prayer.

North Hempstead is thankful for increased contributions to benevolent objects, greater religious interest, and a very encouraging outlook.

Flushing speaks of increased liberality notwithstanding the fact that the location of the present church building gives "but little hope of any marked growth, or advance in the future."

Greenpoint while regretting loss of families by removal, is grateful for increased success in its Mission and Sabbath School work, and is looking forward to the erection of an additional building for the successful prosecution of its Sabbath School and Mission work.

South Bushwick reports: "Our church building is being enlarged, and when completed will accomodate one thousand people. It will be dedicated on the first Sabbath in May, and will give us much enlarged opportunities for work for the Master." During the past year the church has been blessed in both spiritual and temporal matters.

Second Astoria declares: "The goodness of the Lord has been with us." The church edifice and parsonage have

been repaired. "In our midst delightful peace and harmony reign."

East Williamsburg is still without a pastor, but preaching services have been conducted by the Revs. G. D. Hulst and R. H. Barr; and although none have been added to the membership of this church for several years, the Sabbath School work is very encouraging.

Queens gives an encouraging report in its contributions for religious and benevolent purposes.

German Evangelical, Brooklyn, mourns the loss of fourteen members by death, and others by removal; also a lessening of religious and benevolent contributions, owing to the financial depression, and yet it finds much reason to "thank God and take courage."

Locust Valley shows a decided increase in the attendance upon church services. "The liquor traffic with all it entails of vice and immorality is a formidable opponent" of this church.

College Point. The work in this church during the past year has been well organized. The parish having been divided into districts, and persons appointed in each to co-operate with the Consistory. There has been a large increase in benevolence, and a hopeful increase in the membership.

Bushwick is discouraged by the removal of many families to the more pleasant parts of Brooklyn, yet "the Sabbath Services have been well attended, the Prayer-meetings large and interesting. As a result of these services thirty-one have been added to the church on confession, back-sliders have been reclaimed, and many have expressed a desire to lead a a Christian life."

German Evangelical, Jamaica, speaks of severe trials in the illness of the pastor for several months, and loss by death and removal. The Sunday School and Sabbath morning services have both been well attended.

Astoria. The Young Men's Association and the Ladies' Missionary Society have been well sustained, and the spirit of harmony has prevailed although the church cannot fail to

realize the great loss sustained by the removal of the pastor, Rev. M. L. Haines, to a distant field. This church also shows a decided increase in benevolence.

Sayville. "With blessing from heaven and cross from below" this church has endeavored during the past year to do the Master's work. The preaching and Sabbath School services have been well attended.

Jericho reports a constant increase of attendance at the Sabbath services. The future is encouraging.

Hicksville. The Rev. E. Gutweiler has been installed pastor of this church and the prospects are bright for the future. The need of a church edifice is felt deeply.

Williamsburg rejoices in the presence of a new pastor, the Rev. E. P. Terhune, D.D., and may the Great Head of the Church bless the labors of His servant in this important field.

The following changes have taken place: The Rev. E. P. Terhune, D.D., has been received from the Hampden East Association of Congregational Ministers, and was installed pastor of the Bedford Avenue Reformed Church, Brooklyn, E. D., May 22d, 1884. The pastoral relation between the Rev. M. L. Haines and the church of Astoria was dissolved, March 16th, 1885, and he was dismissed to the Presbytery of Indianapolis, Indiana. The Rev. E. Gutweiler has been transferred from the First Reformed Church, L. I. City, to the churches of Jericho and Hicksville. The Rev. Alex. Shaw was received April 21st, 1885, from the Classis of Bergen, and arrangements made for his installation as pastor of the First Reformed Church of Long Island City, on the 14th day of May, 1885.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBT. H. BARR, *Chairman.*

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

The Committee on the State of Religion ask leave to submit the following report:

All the churches have been heard from and most of them

with commendable promptness and definiteness. First of all we desire to record our profound sense of gratitude to Almighty God for the manifold mercies with which He has crowned the past year; and we tender to this Classis our hearty congratulations upon the general character of the consistorial reports herewith reviewed and summarized. There is not a lament, or a groan, or a grievance, or even an odor of discouragement in any of them. Their tone on the contrary is uniformly thankful, hopeful, confident, aggressive. Your Committee are happy in the belief that the most conscientious and thorough work has characterized the past twelve months throughout our borders. A spirit of earnest and joyous consecration breathes in all the tidings that have reached us from the brethren in their several fields of labor.

We are occasionally informed that the Dutch Church is in a moribund condition, and this is even said of her as to our own locality. If this be so, her ministry of this Classis are either strangely unaware of, or shamefully indifferent to it, or else they and those to whom they minister are determined to die with an heroic cheerfulness and courage. This singular infatuation respecting the future is doubtless however sufficiently explained by such statistical tables as those herewith subjoined. They clearly exhibit exceedingly gratifying results, and unmistakably tell of substantial progress. They show a further steady and decided advance along the line of gain in these last years. The number of families, the number received on confession of faith, the total number of communicants, and the number of Sunday School scholars and workers is each considerably above that reported for the twelve preceding months. So too, of the amount of money raised, both for benevolence and for congregational purposes. Several of the churches tell of unusual and powerful manifestations of the Divine Spirit, notably Flatbush, South Brooklyn and Bedford; while more than one-third of them have had large accessions from the world, the entire number of those thus confessing in the Classis aggregating 228 souls, making the average addition for each of our churches nearly thirteen. This is the same number so received in 1878, and exceeds that of any of the seven intervening years.

As to benevolence, your Committee regret that Consistories have so largely failed to itemize their returns, so that no esti-

mate is possible as to the proportion of these gifts that have flowed into the channels of our own Church Boards.

Perhaps a certain flavor of monotone is almost inseparable from these annual ecclesiastical recitals, but the Committee note the pleasing fact that it is here the grateful monotone of prosperity. And among these recurring statements none is more frequent or welcome than the assurance that the benevolent contributions have increased. This means much more also, when we recall the noble record of this Classis in this matter. It is no sudden awakening of churches that have hitherto been dead to these claims, and that easily give more than they have done, because gifts in the past have been so small. For the last decade more than one-eleventh of all the money given to Foreign Missions has come from these eighteen churches, and nearly one-eighth of the entire benevolence of the Reformed Church in this country. The average annual benevolence *per capita*, in the denomination for that time, has been $2.68, while our Classical average has been $7.18. The average gift to Foreign Missions in the churches at large for the same time has been 83 cents per member, while here it has been $1.58. This delightful monotony of a growing benevolence in the South Classis of Long Island therefore means, that those who have long been wont to devise liberal things, are standing firmly by and pushing vigorously on to things still more liberal.

It were pleasant to notice other general features of these reports, but space invokes our considerate forbearance, and we accordingly proceed to the more detailed statements of the individual churches.

The *Church of Brooklyn* notes the small number of pleasant Sabbaths during the past Winter, and a corresponding decrease in church attendance and benevolent contributions. Its statistical schedule is referred to as representing the real numerical strength of the parish by actual count. It mourns the removal, by death, of some of its most efficient workers and generous givers. While no special revival blessing has been received, earnest gratitude is expressed for the healthful spiritual life that has pervaded both the church and the Sabbath Schools.

The tone of the report of the church at *Flatbush* is fairly

exultant. The Word faithfully preached through many years, and faithfully practiced by heads of families, has borne fruit in these last months, in the largest manifestations of spiritual power that have been experienced in a full score of years. The Week of Prayer was observed with interest, and shortly thereafter evidences of unusual religious earnestness appeared. There was much prayer for the outpouring of the Spirit. For several weeks preceding the March communion a special service was appointed for Wednesday evening and very largely attended. The people had a mind to work and God was working in them and through them. There was great rejoicing at the last sacramental supper over an accession of twenty-four souls on confession of faith, together with four by certificate. Among them were heads of families and little children, all ages being represented, and all giving strong proof of the sincerity of their profession. It is also believed that others in the coming months will follow their example, for the Divine Presence continues to be felt in unusual measure. Pastor, Sunday School teachers and Christian parents are alike filled with joy and gladness at beholding these tokens of God's favor, and the church desires to record her grateful sense of what He has so marvelously wrought. The work of the Mission continues as in former years, and the conscientious ministrations of the Rev. M. G. Hansen have been attended by many encouraging results. Its Sabbath School especially has greatly increased in numbers and regularity of attendance; and its successful religious training of the children of the poor gives promise of greatly purifying in the coming years the moral atmosphere of the community to which its labors are devoted.

New Utrecht rehearses the pleasing story of substantial progress. Very encouraging additions have been made to the communion of the church; interest in Missions has increased as is evinced by larger contributions to the cause; marked faithfulness has been shown in maintaining all the services of the church, and the most thorough and careful teaching has been done in the Sunday Schools. In addition to such proofs of the Divine favor, the people have been moved to accomplish much for the improvement of their temporal condition, especially in the entire and elegant reno-

vation of their house of worship at an expense of several thousand dollars, all of which have been generously subscribed and promptly paid.

With the church at *Gravesend* the year has been one of quiet and steady progress. The influence of the revival of last year is still manifest in the quickened zeal of church members, and in the greatly increased attendance upon all the services of the sanctuary. Peace reigns and heartiest co-operation between pastor and people prevails; and with much thankfulness for blessings already vouchsafed them, all are hoping and praying for better things in the coming years.

Flatlands, while unable to report any marked increase of membership, rejoices that some heads of families and older scholars from the Sunday School have been led to profess their faith in Christ. Sabbath services and Prayer-meetings have been well sustained; a pleasing increase appears in benevolent gifts; and while death has brought down many hearts, the spirit of the people is one of confidence and courage and unity as they look to the future.

The church at *New Lots* assures Classis of its excellent condition. Spirituality has deepened in the hearts of the people since the Week of Prayer. Collections for the Boards of the Church though frequent, have met with cheerful and generous response. The fruit of the Spirit abounds. There is great reason to thank God and take courage.

At *East New York* also the year has been one of prosperity The benevolent gifts have increased. Perfect harmony exists. Scriptural instruction in the Sunday School has been faithfully and efficiently given. The Gospel has been preached with power and in its fullness, and heard with marked attention and profit by steadily growing congregations. If the Prayer-meetings have lacked somewhat in numbers, they have been rich in comfort and edification to the chosen few. Again this Zion gives heartfelt thanks to the great Head of the Church.

South Brooklyn is devoutly grateful to Almighty God for the signal blessings with which He has crowned the year. The membership of the church has been increased nearly thirty-

three per cent.; accessions having been larger than in any previous year in the history of the church. A goodly number are from the Sunday School, and the addition as a whole promises to be one of great and permanent value. Benevolence has advanced, the Sunday School has overflowed its accommodations; and with steadily enlarging Sabbath congregations, a rapid and substantial growth is confidently anticipated. Meagerness of self-support still causes anxiety, but vigorous measures have recently been taken to remove this single source of discouragement.

The *Middle Church* speaks of marked improvement in temporal matters; the interior of its edifice having been re-decorated, and the lecture room also painted. The spiritual work has been quiet but healthful; and although the numerical increase has been less than that of last year, the accessions have been mainly from an older class, and present religious interest is marked and promising.

Twelfth Street says, "the blessing of the Lord continues upon our work. No special interest has been awakened during the year, but each communion season has been a time of ingathering from the world. The only extra meetings held were in observance of the Day of Prayer for colleges, and in connection with Classical visitation; the latter proving especially refreshing and helpful to the spiritual life of the church. Our regular services have been largely attended; the presence of the Holy Spirit has been manifest; we are growing stronger each year and confidently expect, with the Divine blessing, to accomplish better things for our Lord and His kingdom."

The *North Church* during the past eight months has been without a pastor. It describes this period as full of trying experiences; and especially as to its financial affairs. These matters have now, however, been so adjusted that, although the income is still insufficient to meet expenses, the consistory believe the church to be in a more promising temporal condition than for several years. The usual Sabbath services, the Prayer-meeting and Teachers' meeting are held, and the Sabbath School is prosperous. The noble work done in the past is felt to be a potent argument and inspiration to like devotion in the future, and the firm determination is expressed to

strengthen the things that remain, looking to God with prayer and faith to crown such effort with His blessing, and especially by opening the way for them to call a new under-shepherd to lead and to feed His people.

The *Church on the Heights* mentions the attendance and the exceedingly interesting meetings of the Week of Prayer as greatly encouraging, and Classical visitation as most enjoyable. Attendance upon the regular Sabbath and weekly services has been about as usual. The high average benevolence of other years has been more than maintained. Several from the home Sabbath School have professed their faith in Christ; and, while no marked advance is noted, gratitude is expressed that the spirit of devotion and perfect harmony has prevailed, and that so much zeal and efficiency have characterized the different departments of church activity. The work at Bethany Chapel, while not apparently resulting in the usual number of conversions, has been carried forward with vigor and success throughout the year. The Gospel has been faithfully preached to the poor, and the officers and teachers of the Sabbath School, as is believed, are doing a work in thorough Biblical instruction, unsurpassed by any similar organization. The mother church and Bethany alike deeply regret that the Rev. Jacob Whitehurst feels constrained to terminate his connection with the Mission which he has so acceptably and prosperously served during the past nine years, but their hope and prayer will be, that God will speedily send them another leader, upon whom may rest a double portion of His spirit.

New Brooklyn tells of a year rich in blessing. The faithfully proclaimed Gospel has been heard with serious attention and evident profit. A gratifying improvement has characterized all departments of church activity. The Ladies' Aid Society, the Young Ladies' Society and the Young Men's Society are referred to as well organized and efficiently co-operating with pastor and Consistory in promoting every good work. Benevolent gifts, though not large, are increasing. A large number have been led by God's spirit to profess their faith in Him ; and the spiritual life of the entire church has been deepened and strengthened.

The note that reaches us from the *Bedford Church* is one

of victory. No previous year in her history has been crowned with such signal mercies. The membership has been increased by seventy-one souls. The debt shows a gratifying reduction, and from a condition of almost hopeless financial depression and complication, the church has fought her way steadily toward self-support, until it is now proposed to relieve Classis and the Domestic Board from further responsibility in the matter. It is also desired in this connection, to make suitable recognition of the substantial and generous sympathy so kindly accorded her in the severe struggle in these later years. Death has translated some of the saints, but such losses have stirred others to emulate their noble zeal for Christ. With an enlarged and efficient Consistory, steadily increasing congregations, constant accessions to her communion, and in the midst of a rapidly growing community, it is confidently believed, that a bright and prosperous future awaits this favored Zion.

Second Flatbush reports an apparent decrease in membership, but this is consequent upon such revision of the roll as has for some time been needed, and does not indicate declining strength. On the contrary, the work of grace has not only been maintained, but advanced. The goodness of God in permitting them to enjoy another year of the faithful and comforting ministry of His Word is humbly acknowledged; and the conversion of some souls, and the restoration of others who had forgotten their first love, are devoutedly ascribed to the presence of His spirit. With his continued blessing the future shall witness greater progress.

Canarsie announces continued spiritual and temporal prosperity. The Sabbath School especially evinces renewed life, and the Ladies' Society is referred to as not only vigorously carrying on its own work, but as also strongly supporting Consistory in the matter of the finances. The Divine blessing is gratefully recognized as having accompanied the preaching of the Word, the administration of the sacraments, family visitation and catechetical instruction.

The *Reformed Church in the Island of St. Thomas* characterizes the past year as a "year of grace." In view of the depression and division of other years, the marked develop-

ment of Christian courage and unity is most gratifying. The Holy Spirit has wrought especially upon the hearts of the young, and a goodly number have been led to profess Christ; such a triumph of the truth being the more noteworthy, because of the outspoken and determined opposition with which it has so often been met, both in domestic and business circles. A peculiarity of the Danish government is mentioned, in conformity to which a most interesting and promising confirmation class has been organized which meets the pastor for weekly instruction. The Sabbath School holds its own. For the first time in years beyond the memory of the living, this church is now properly self-supporting. Its once ample endowment has been exhausted; and although the burden of meeting their entire current expenses fell upon the people at a time of unparalleled commercial depression, their devotion has proved equal to the crisis, and without resort to questionable methods, the money needed has been raised by a system of monthly subscriptions. Unusually cordial fraternal relations have been established with neighboring churches, the Week of Prayer being successfully observed by the first series of Union Meetings ever held in the city. Bible and Temperance Union organizations have also been instituted with the approval and earnest support of all Protestant Christians, and are exerting a most happy influence amid alarmingly prevalent Sabbath desecration, intemperance, debauchery and infidelity.

ALFRED J. HUTTON, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

The condition and growth of our Church during the year past, as appears from the Consistories, is upon the whole exceedingly encouraging.

Some facts of interest we glean from the dry statistics. An increase of 100 families during the year is reported; an addition of 366 members upon confession and 177 by certificate, in all 122 more than during the year previous; thirty-five less than during that year have been dismissed; none have been suspended, and only eighty-seven have died.

A very considerable increase above the figures of last year is seen in the number of Infant Baptisms, of Catechumens

and of Sunday Schools. We have less adult Baptisms reported and a smaller total enrolment in the Sunday Schools; total membership is increased by twenty-four, although five churches have revised their rolls.

In regard to individual churches, the *greatest* growths in proportion to the membership are as follows:

Bloomingdale reports a growth of 34 per cent.; Manor Chapel of 28 per cent.; Union Church of High Bridge one of 25 per cent.; Fourth German of 16⅔ per cent.; Norfolk Street of 16 per cent.; Prospect Hill, 15 per cent.; Harlem, 14⅓ per cent.; Avenue B German, 12 per cent.; Huguenots, Staten Island, 11 per cent.; the new church at Kreischerville has increased over 50 per cent.; and the Yorkville Church has added over 40 per cent. since its organization in November.

It is most encouraging to report a new church organized in Yorkville, and the ground broken for the erection of a new building in a growing and important part of Harlem. Also the progress toward completion of another noble structure under the efforts of the church of Bloomingdale.

In regard to contributions, as might be expected, the financial troubles of the country are severely felt. The total given to benevolence is $47,090 69 as against $52,417 02 given last year; a falling off of $5,330 53.

The churches giving the most in proportion to membership are as follows:

South Church giving over 24.3 *per capita*, or, including Manor Chapel, 16.5; Collegiate giving 15.5 *per capita*; Madison Avenue giving 14.8 *per capita*.

The following churches report collections taken for each of the Boards:

Collegiate, Harlem, South, Staten Island, Madison Avenue, German Evangelist Mission, Union of High Bridge, Fourth German, Prospect Hill, 34th Street, Brighton Heights, S. I., Kreischerville, S. I. and German Evangelical of Yorkville. Of these the Staten Island Church is the only one which did not take collections for all the Boards last year.

The following which took for all last year make no report of what they have done in this matter:

Avenue B, German; Union of 6th Avenue took for all except Disabled Ministers' Fund; Second German for all except Publication and Disabled Ministers' Fund; Blooming-

dale for all except Publication and Church Building; Manor Chapel took only for the Domestic and Foreign Mission Boards; Huguenots only for the Domestic Board; while St. Paul's of Mott Haven gives no report on the subject. In addition to the statistics we have interesting facts given from many of the churches, in regard to the progress of the work within their bounds.

The *Collegiate Church* reports as follows · During the past year the work of the three churches, four chapels and seven Sunday Schools, has been carried on with continued regularity and unabated earnestness, and with some measure of encouraging success. All the usual services on Sunday and during the week have been sustained. And although no special religious interest has prevailed, the number admitted to membership on confession is greater than it has been for several years. Many of these so admitted have come from the Sunday Schools. While it is a matter of painful regret and deep anxiety that the attendance at some of our churches, particularly at the second service has greatly fallen off, it is gratifying to be able to state that at some of the Mission chapels there is a hopeful increase. So marked has this increase been, that one of the chapels has been altered, so as to furnish improved and enlarged accommodations for the work of the congregation and Sunday School. And the Consistory have under consideration the necessity and propriety of providing increased facilities for other two of the Missions. All the various societies for missionary and benevolent purposes and for Christian work, have been efficiently sustained and successfully managed, and the contributions for their support have not varied much from those of the preceding year. A special contribution has been made to the Foreign Mission Board.

In the *Middle Church* a Missionary is employed and earnest efforts are made to reach those in that neighborhood who have hitherto neglected the ordinances of public worship. Special services designed to interest such a class are held, and various classes for young people are established. Good results are hopefully anticipated.

In *Twenty-Ninth Street* the pastor was laid aside from all

work for nine months of the year; but on the first of October was able to resume his usual duties. Owing to the removal of a large number of members to remote parts of the city, and also to the obvious fact that many attend only one service on the Sabbath, the attendance in the evening is greatly diminished.

At *Forty-Eighth Street* while the congregation in the morning is good, the attendance in the evening is also much smaller. In other respects the work goes on prosperously.

In *Fulton Street,* public preaching, the administration of Ordinances, Weekly Prayer-meeting and the Sunday School are regularly maintained. The daily noon Prayer-meeting is still carried on without intermission under the same devoted leadership; but the interest is not so great as in former years, nor the work of the Mission quite as promising.

De Witt Mission, sustained by the 29th Street congregation, though without the service of a resident pastor, has maintained during the entire year all the usual services, and additions have been received to the membership at each of the quarterly communions. As in former years arrangements were made for sending many of the children of the Mission School to the country for a few weeks; some of the mothers with the little ones shared in the privilege.

In *Knox Memorial* the number attending the services and the Sunday School is so great as to require additional accommodations. The pastor and workers are greatly encouraged.

In *Fifty-Fourth Street Mission,* sustained by the 48th Street congregation, a good work is being done. The chapel has been remodeled, and the accommodation greatly improved. The year has been one of manifest prosperity and cheering success. Rejoicing in tidings we receive of revivals in many parts of the Reformed Church and in other churches, and deeply conscious of our own spiritual needs, we cease not to pray for a larger blessing on our ancient Church, and on all the congregations under the care of this Classis. "Show us Thy mercy Oh Lord, and grant us Thy salvation." Contributions have been made to all the Boards of the Church and to

many other objects of benevolence; but the entire amount is not equal to that of last year.

The *Harlem Church* reports: "All the services Sabbath and weeekly, have been well attended. A healthy growth manifest in spiritual things, especially among the young. A Young People's literary, social and devotional association has been maintained with good results. A deep and steady interest is manifested in the preaching of the Word. Our present edifice is full to overflowing, and ground has been broken for a new church and parsonage at 123d Street and 6th Avenue, with fine prospects of success. The congregation is united and enthusiastic in their endeavor to extend the power of the Reformed Church. The Sabbath School is well manned and doing excellent work. The Young People's Prayer-meeting has averaged 100 in attendance throughout the year."

In the *South Church* there has been increased interest in and attendance at the Sunday services, but a small ingathering of new members, which we deeply deplore. The benevolent work within the bounds of the parish, and the contributions to the Boards of the church and other objects have been well sustained.

At *Manor Chapel* the year has been one of great progress in every respect. The earnest and faithful labors of the pastor are bearing their legitimate fruit. And we rejoice with thankfulness for the measure of prosperity which the Lord permits us to witness.

From the *Staten Island Church* we have the following report: "The usual public services have been regularly maintained, and there is a growing interest in them, and an increased attendance, especially at the Evening service and the two Prayer-meetings. Last November, Mr. Alfred H. Demarest was ordained as associate pastor, to the exceeding, and universal satisfaction of the people. And by his zealous and efficient labors, and his hearty co-operation with the senior pastor, has excited great expectations of increasing prosperity in the church. The two Sabbath Schools are flourishing. The gain in accessions to the church membership is slightly in advance of that of last year. There is also encouragement to believe that several of the young people in the Bible

classes are under gracious influences, and may be expected soon to unite publicly with the church.

Bloomingdale reports: "The year has been one of steady progress. The congregation is increasing. The spirit and attendance at the Prayer-meetings are good. We have organized a Ladies' Missionary Society since the last report. The Sabbath School is in an encouraging state. We expect early in the Fall to enter our new church edifice. The pastor is already residing in the new parsonage at the north end of the building. We earnestly invoke the continued interest and prayers of Classis in our work."

From the *Madison Avenue Church* we learn: "That the ordinances of the church have been faithfully maintained throughout the year. A pleasant and profitable addition has been made to the services, by the introduction of the responsive reading of the Psalter. Though the year has been one of financial depression, yet the benevolent work of the church has been very encouraging, the contributions much exceeding those of the previous year. While we believe God's children have been fed and built up in their most holy faith, we mourn that so few have come to the solemn feasts; but we are not without hope; and trust that we shall yet see a gracious season of refreshing from the Most High. Our weekly Prayer-meeting has not been large, but we have found it good to be there. The time of service of the church School was changed to the morning. At first the attendance became smaller, but it is now growing in numbers and interest. Our branch school is in a very flourishing condition, and is doing a good work among the poor and needy; its usefulness is greatly retarded for want of better accomodations. While we have much to regret, yet we would thank the Great Head of the Church for his loving care over this branch of His vineyard through another year.

In the *Thirty-fourth Street Church* the year has been one of delightful harmony, well directed labor, and commendable benevolence, crowned toward the close with the special favor of the Lord, in a quiet work of grace. Both church and Sunday School have increased somewhat in membership.

From the *German Evangelical Mission* we are told: "The

spiritual condition of our church may be called fair. We have had some accessions, though not so many as in years past. The morning service on the Lord's Day is usually well attended, while the afternoon service and the weekly meetings are rather slim. In benevolence we have fallen a little short compared with former years, which is due, however, more to the hard times than to a lack of liberality on the part of our people. Peace and harmony have prevailed on the whole, and we have reason to believe that the Lord is still with us, and His favor and blessing upon our work."

The church at *Huguenots, Staten Island,* reports: "The church services and ordinances have been regularly maintained, and preaching by ordained ministers. At the last communion, April 12th, we received three new members upon confession of their faith, from our Sabbath School. During the year we have lost from our fellowship, by death, besides one lady member, Elder Isaac K. Jessup, who was one of the founders of the Church in 1849. One of our Deacons has, during the year, withdrawn from our communion and connected himself with a neighboring Methodist Episcopal church. We have twenty-eight members in communion after revising the roll. All the members of our Sabbath School recite the Heidelberg Cathechism."

St. Paul's, Mott Haven, reports: "The services of the church and Sunday School have been well sustained. Harmony has prevailed with encouraging results in all branches of church work. And while we have sought with some ardor, we have not seen manifested any special presence of the Holy Spirit."

Of the *Union Church, of High Bridge,* we are told: "Previous to last July there was but one service on the Sabbath, conducted very acceptably by the Rev. Mr. Du Bois. Last fall the Rev. D. H. Martin was installed pastor; since which time morning and evening Sunday services have been maintained with a gratifying increase in attendance and interest. At the last communion thirteen were added to the church."

The *Fourth German* reports: "The past year has manifested to us the faithfulness of the Great Head of the Church. His presence has been felt and the power of His Spirit has shown itself in the conversion of souls to Christ. There is perhaps

a greater desire, and greater efforts made, for the salvation of men than there has been ever before. The work of the Lord is also prospering in the Sunday School."

Among the items of the extended report presented by the Board of Elders of the *Prospect Hill Church* we find the following: "The Wednesday evening Prayer-meetings, and the Prayer-meetings after the Sunday evening public services, have been largely attended and much serious interest awakened. The Young People's Friday evening meetings for prayer and study of the Scriptures have been with profit continued, and we are glad to recognize in their Association, a channel for much good. The Ladies' Missionary Auxiliary and the Ladies' Aid Societies have done and are doing, each in their sphere, very faithful and efficient work. Our Sunday School is overflowing, numbering 500, and the good seed of the Word is there sown broad-cast by faithful hands over what, to a great extent, is missionary ground. We have rejoiced, and do rejoice, in the increase in the number of families in our church, from ninety-four at our last report to 109 at the present time; but more especially, that we have been permitted to welcome to our communion, during that period, seventeen persons on confession of faith in Christ, and eighteen others by certificate from other churches. We desire also to acknowledge the Lord's mercy in that, of 216 members of our church, *one only* has during the past year been removed by death. And, as not a sparrow falleth to the ground without our Heavenly Father's notice, so, with gratitude, we recognize His hand in the legacy under the will of the late Daniel Fanshaw, an old elder in the Reformed Dutch Church, of Harlem, but a resident of this neighborhood, anticipating by several years the existence of this church, and which has just been confirmed to us by the judgment of the highest Court in our State."

The *Avenue B German* reports: "We acknowledge with great thankfulness the continued favors and blessing of the Great Head of the Church. He has crowned the past year with His goodness. The attendance upon Sabbath services is increasing; Prayer-meetings are well attended; the Sabbath School is in a prosperous condition. We have received sixty-nine persons into membership with the church upon confes-

sion of their faith. A new organ has been bought and paid for. The spiritual interest is increasing."

The Church of *Brighton Heights,* Staten Island, has been in a prosperous condition. Services well attended, and much faithful labor expended in the Sunday School. Benevolent and industrial associations have been organized among the children. A spirit of unity and brotherly fellowship pervades the church, and some tokens of the Divine presence and blessings have been received. During the five months absence of the pastor, for the restoration of his health, the pulpit has been supplied and the pastoral work attended to by his father, the Rev. Dr. Rufus W. Clark.

The *Sixth Avenue Union Church* rejoices in preservation. There has been maintained during the past year a daily noonday Prayer-meeting, with an average attendance of sixteen persons. A French Huguenot Church has held services every Lord's Day afternoon, with increasing attendance of foreign people from the section of Alsace Lorrain.

The pastor of the *Second German Church of Norfolk Street* reports: "Having been installed pastor in February of this year, I have not had the oversight and insight which I otherwise should have had. I found no list of members of the church. I am making one which I hope to complete by next Spring. All the records of the church are in a most disorderly condition."

From our new church, the *German Evangelical of Yorkville,* we have the following: "The church was organized Nov. 18th with twenty-six members. Since that time we have received twenty new members. Although only forty-eight families attend our services, sixty-four send their children to our Sabbath School. In regard to the attendance and the spiritual condition of our church, a vital change for the better has taken place since the time of our organization. Upon several occasions our hall was not only filled to the last seat, but many had to remain standing. From these facts it is evident that the Great Head of our Church has been very gracious unto us; and our earnest and fervent prayer is, that He may keep, and guide, and bless us, and add new members to our church daily."

The following changes have occured in our Classis during the past year:

Mr. Gustavus A. T. Goebel, a licentiate of the Classis of Bergen, was received May 26th, 1884, and ordained June 10th, as a Missionary under the care of Classis. William Schnitz, of the class of 1884, of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, was licensed May 26th, 1884, and was dismissed to the Classis of Raritan, June 19th. The Rev. E. J. Runk was received May 26th, from the Classis of Westchester, and was dismissed to the same Classis, Oct. 21st. Mr. Daniel Hoffman Martin, of the class of 1884, Union Theological Seminary, was licensed June 19th, 1884, and was ordained and installed pastor of Union Church, High Bridge, Dec. 2d. Alfred H. Demarest, a licentiate of the Classis of New Brunswick, was received Oct. 21st, and ordained and installed associate pastor of the church of Staten Island, on Nov. 6th. The Rev. John B. Steele, probably the oldest minister in the Reformed Church, died at Canajoharie, N. Y., Aug. 22d, 1884. The Rev. A. H. Hager died Oct. 20th, 1884. The Rev. A. H. Bechtold, died Nov. 15th, 1884. The Rev. Enoch Van Aken, D.D., Pastor Emeritus, died Jan. 2d, 1885. The Rev. Frederic Christian Erhardt was received from the Presbytery of Boston, Feb. 17th, 1885, and installed pastor of the German Norfolk Street Church, Feb. 22d. A new church, the German Evangelical Church of Yorkville, was organized with twenty-six members, Nov. 18th, 1884; and was received and entered upon the Roll of Classis, Jan. 20th, 1885. The churches of Mattox and Amelia Court House, Virginia, transferred March 17th, 1885, to the Presbytery of East Hanover, Va.

Respectfully submitted,

RODERICK TERRY, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.

Your Committee on the State of Religion beg leave to report as follows:

The year in general seems to have been marked with evidences of much quiet blessing.

Berea reports a year differing little from the one preceding, with "much to feel grateful for, and with some cause for regret." The ordinances have been observed and harmony prevails. The Sunday School, formerly closed during the Winter, has been kept up all the year. In benevolence there has also been an improvement. The church has felt the effects of deaths and removals. They close with the good motto: "In the Lord God is our trust."

Bloomingburgh reports the maintainance of the means of grace without special evidence of power in the conversion of sinners, but with still enough growth to assure them of the Lord's presence. There has been a slight increase in their benevolent contributions and they hope for more. The church has been thoroughly painted within and without, and new pulpit decorations and furniture have been added. Through the kindness and generosity of A. V. Van Vechten, Esq., of New York, a handsome marble tablet has been erected to the memory of the deceased pastors of the church. The sixty-fifth anniversary of the church was celebrated on Feb. 18th of this year, with appropriate exercises and the unveiling of the mural tablet. They take hope and go forward.

Callicoon reports a good year. The church building has been improved inside and out. This has been partly paid for by the bequest of $200—left by the late Mrs. Ottendorfer, partly by the congregation, and part is still unpaid. They express regret for the small gift to the Boards and hope to do better. They desire Classis to recommend them for aid from the Board.

Claraville. No report.

Cuddebackville. This "little Benjamin" seems at present to be the banner-bearer among the tribes. The Lord and Master gave them an increase of eighteen last year, to the number of those who confess Christ, and this year they come up with eighteen more. They report an increase in their giving also and a hope for better things still in every department of their work, and your Committee can do no less than say: "God give thee the desires of thine heart and grant all thy petitions."

Deerpark had hoped for larger spiritual results. The seed has been faithfully sown, and more than ordinary interest has been shown on the part of faithful members. But ten only have been added on confession, in the smallness of which accession the Consistory sees evidence of a lack of devotement and cause for humiliation. They see in this also the need of more earnest pleading for the larger measures of the Holy Spirit. The death list is larger than usual. They close with the admonition to their own hearts to work while the day lasts.

Ellenville. The church here has not been without signs of her Master's presence in many ways. "We have grown in things both spiritual and temporal, and have been depleted both by death and by removals. The church building in its interior both of audience and lecture room has been thoroughly renovated and altered, including the introduction of gas. This has been done through the generous bequest of the late Mrs. J. H. Tuthill. The system of free pews and weekly collections by means of envelopes, adopted with the beginning of the year, has won for itself a glorious and assured success. Our benevolences, though not yet what they should be, have still increased over last year, and we also 'bless God and take courage.'"

Fallsburgh. The church here reports an upward tendency in religious fervor. This is indicated by the statistical report which shows a numerical gain in the number of families and in membership. The benevolent contributions also show an increase over last year of thirty-one per cent. This is largely due to the organized efforts of the ladies of the church. The Sabbath School also has contributed to the denominational work. The services of the Week of Prayer were observed and were continued beyond the week with manifestations of good resulting. Pastor and people have been happily joined in mutual love and faithfulness through a pastorate of eighteen years.

Grahamville. No report.

Kerhonkson is stirring up her mind and looking earnestly for a pastor.

Mamakating has no regular pastor, but since the death of Rev. John Du Bois, has been supplied by the pastor at Bloomingburgh, Rev. J. B. Wilson. An afternoon service has been thus maintained and with good attendance, though, they regret to say, without accessions to the membership. They hope and pray for the Spirit's presence. They lose three families by removal, embracing three members of Consistory. They have observed a Sunday evening service of prayer, as also a Prayer-service on Thursday night of each week, and this your Committee begs leave to emphasize as an example most worthy of imitation by all vacant congregations. The financial standing is better than for years past. They pray for the Holy Spirit to encourage them in general benevolence and in the maintainance of the Gospel.

Minnisink. No report.

Montgomery. "We gratefully acknowledge the continued blessing from the Head of the Church, of abundant peace and prosperity. The history of the year is like that of many recent years, no special outpouring of the Holy Spirit in revival and ingathering power, but ample evidence of His presence in many godly lives and in our slowly increasing numbers. We are endeavoring, as our statistics have shown to the Classis for a number of years, to obey the command of our Lord in carrying on the Foreign Missionary work, and we believe that His special promise given with the command is being fulfilled to us."

Newburgh. The apparent decrease in both the number of families and the membership, is due to the death of members connected with these families in several cases, a connection which, so far as support and work goes, was merely nominal. The apparent decrease in membership is owing to the revision of the roll, sixty-two names having been placed on the retired list. The church regrets to report so few accessions. They are praying God to show them where the difficulty lies. There is good attendance on the services and the church work goes steadily on. They pray and hope for the moving of God's Spirit.

New Hurley. No report.

New Prospect reports the presence of the Spirit in the leading of souls to Christ. They rejoice, that now their pastor is about to leave them, after a service of a quarter of a century, it will be done with mutual love and esteem. During the ministry of this pastor, at three several times, more than one hundred souls have been added (in all) to the church on confession of their faith. They rejoice therefore that labors and prayers have not been in vain in the Lord Jesus, to whom all glory is ascribed forever and ever.

Shawangunk. The means of grace have been used and followed with blessing. Sixteen have been added to the membership, ten of these on confession. Among these are several heads of families. Four Sabbath Schools have been carried on during the Summer and Autumn, and a Bible class during the Winter. Two weekly Prayer-meetings have been carried on, one at Rutsonville and one at the church in connection with the Bible class. The benevolences have somewhat increased over last year. In temporal affairs they report much for encouragement. The debt has been removed besides the expenditure of about $800 for improvements. They long for the spirit of revival which seems to be abroad in many of the churches.

Unionville. No report.

Walden reports no cheering news for herself, but rejoices in the good which has come to others, in which she has a share since the Church of Christ is one. The usual interest has been maintained in religious observances. A Woman's Board of Missions has been formed, auxiliary to the General Board, and mission boxes have been placed in the families with good results. Special attention has been paid to the cultivation of congregational singing, and with benefit to the life of the church.

Wallkill. The services have been well attended and faithfully kept up. There is a growing interest in holy things among the young that gives promise of future ingathering.

Walpack (Upper). No report.

Walpack, (Lower) reports the maintainance of the means of grace, though under some difficulties. They have had two

accessions. They have made improvement this year in giving a contribution to every Board and Fund. The nature of the field, separated as the churches are by the river, seems to be against them. They have suffered by reason of removals, but continue to work their "narrow and narrowing field." They look for the blessing of the Spirit that can make even the waste places "blossom as the rose."

Wawarsing reports with a mingled feeling of pleasure and pain. The temporal wants of the church have been nobly met, but they mourn the apparent dearth of spiritual fruits. The church building has been reroofed and repainted and the heating apparatus has been improved. The expense of all this has been generously met. The ladies of the church have borne an efficient part in this. The Sabbath School is flourishing, but the Prayer-meeting languishes, the members seeming largely to have lost the sense of their religious responsibility in this matter. The Sabbath services are well attended. They feel that they have done well for themselves, but not so well for Christ. The great need is of more interest in the church's spiritual welfare, and they pray for the quickening power of the Lord.

Ministerial Changes.—The Rev. John T. Demarest, D.D., has resigned his charge, being made by the Classis, Pastor Emeritus, and retires to Mount Moor, Rockland Co., N. Y.

In looking over the table of statistics your Committee, taking into account the revision of some church rolls, finds a total increase in membership over last year of about one hundred. Two other features specially strike them: 1. That in all the churches only two cases of discipline resulting in suspension have occurred. 2. That the churches have given a total of benevolence amounting to $4,085, of which the church at Montgomery has given more than one-fourth. In view of which your Committee in closing raise these two questions: Have the churches in general been faithful in the matter of discipline; and have they in general been faithful in the matter of giving?

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN HUTCHINS, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

Your Committee realizes clearly that this report can only approximate the truth. Religion, being essentially a matter of the heart and daily life, cannot adequately reveal its state by means of statistics, or even general reports of pastors. I state briefly what these give, trusting that if better means existed for reaching the full facts an even brighter report might be compiled.

First, as to the statistics. These tell a better state than was reported last year. 108 have united on confession of faith with the churches belonging to Classis, being nearly double the number reported last year. Those uniting by certificate number five more.

The benevolent contributions have reached $7,063.59, a little more than $1,000 above the amount of last year.

Secondly, as to the written reports:

First Poughkeepsie reports that "services have been regularly maintained," and that they "have been blessed with encouraging accessions."

Second Poughkeepsie, that they "are enjoying a gracious season of refreshing from the presence of the Lord."

Fishkill-on-Hudson, that "the attendance has been good, and the interest in the Prayer-meeting, especially the Young People's Meeting, has been gratifying."

Hopewell reports a "revival of spiritual life," and a considerable increase of membership.

Glenham reports that "prayer for the Holy Spirit has not been without answer."

New Hackensack speaks of a spirit of worldliness in church and community, but yet hopes for a blessing.

Cold Spring tells of losses in church and Sunday School because of business depression, but yet reports a considerable increase in benevolent contributions.

Millbrook reports outward progress, and "hopes for the

harvest to come from the continual sowing of seed beside all waters."

Fishkill reports no special blessing except in an increase of benevolence, and that the good work goes on quietly and steadily as in past years.

Rhinebeck makes no report beside the usual statistics, and *Hyde Park* makes no report at all.

From all this your Committee gathers encouragement. Our churches do not exist in vain. The Gospel has not lost its power. Sinners are being converted, church life quickened. The proofs are that the time is, if slowly, yet steadily and surely, coming when the world shall know and acknowledge its Redeemer.

M. BROSS THOMAS, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.

Your Committee on Consistorial Reports or the State of Religion respectfully report:

Reports from all the churches have come in, except Greenville, which is vacant. The reports are for the greater part hopeful. With the exception of one no special revivals are reported. Still the number of those received on confession which is 251 above that of last year, shows that the blessing of God has been upon the work of the people of God.

Three churches have revised their rolls and this will account for the decreased numbers of families and members belonging to the churches.

Of the churches that have sent in reports there are five that have omitted to give a detailed statement of their benevolent contributions. Of the remaining, five contributed to all the Boards of the Church, two to four Boards, and one to three Boards. Six churches report contributions to other objects of benevolence.

Of the fourteen churches that form this Classis two are without a pastor, Bronxville and Hastings.

The following extracts from the reports of the churches give a detailed account of both the temporal and spiritual condition of the churches.

Bronxville is without a pastor. Reports services have been held regularly on the Sabbath during the past year with a good average attendance. The regular Prayer-meeting has been maintained with some interest. The Mission has been sustained and one service on each Sunday held.

Cortlandtown regrets that there is no evidence of special religious interest. "Our field, our labor, like the country in which we are situated is rugged, and we are often reminded by the topography of our town, of Nazareth, in which place Christ could do no mighty works because of the unbelief of the people. But we work, and pray, and hope, that God will yet bless Nazareth and us also."

Fordham reports a prosperous condition. Although it reports only sixty-three communicants, having revised the church roll, yet it contributed $326 65 to Foreign and $221 69 to Domestic Missions. It is one of the four churches that contributed to all the Boards. Spiritually it is prosperous also. The pastor writes: We have had regular, and full, and earnest meetings. Six have joined on confession from our Sunday School. No special outpouring, but a more faithful attendance upon all the ordinances of grace.

Greenburg. No report.

Greenville. No report.

Hastings-on-Hudson is without a pastor. From its report it appears that eleven were received on confession and three on certificate.

Melrose has nothing particular to report. "The same obstacles and troubles of former years to discourage us, but also many clear proofs of the assistance of our heavenly Father to fill us with new courage and zeal. Twenty-two were received into full communion on confession of their faith, and there are still more among the catechumens that will come in. The Ladies' Society stands always ready to assist the pastor in every good work. The Sunday School is very prosperous, and almost reaches the large number of 400, being the largest of the Classis."

Mount Vernon. "We have had our usual prosperity and growth, both in the church and Sunday School. Spiritually we remain about the same, a steady accession. Financially we have advanced both in contributions to benevolent objects and for usual church-work. A plan to reduce the debt has met with some success, and we are cheered with the prospects. We have also purchased the site of a new Mission Chapel in a rapidly growing portion of our village, and propose to organize a school and build a house. We have peace and prosperity for which we are devoutfully thankful." There were received during the year thirty-nine into the fellowship of the church, thirteen on confession, twenty-six on certificate. As there is no detailed statement as to its benevolent contributions we give the whole amount, $1,361.83.

Peekskill reports to have great reason for thankfulness. At every communion season there were those who confessed their faith in Christ. Fifty-four were received, forty-four on confession, ten on certificate. Besides this the church has been inwardly strengthened. The spirit of union, of brotherly love, of mutual good will prevails. The spiritual life of the church is quickened. During the months of January and February the church enjoyed a season of prayer which was remarkable in many respects. She realized something of her possibilities and responsibilities as a people of God in this community. As a result there is a growing confidence in the community at large for the church. The audiences are very much enlarged, and the people speak well of us. The Sunday School is wide awake. The weekly Teachers' meeting are an important feature of our work. Our Bible class numbers forty, all young people, almost all church members. Financially we are doing well. Repairs were very many. The beautiful church edifice looks now cheerful and attractive. During the year we succeeded in organizing a Woman's Missionary Society, which although still weak, is full of promise; we have also a Children's Missionary Band. Although intending to contribute to all the Boards, unforeseen circumstances prevented us from doing so. We met our apportioned amount for the Board of Foreign Missions.

Tarrytown First reports: "Our church has felt the pres-

sure of the hard times as have others. Yet we have met our regular church expenses, and have raised in addition over eleven hundred dollars for needed repairs. Especial attention too has been paid to the benevolent work of the church, particularly to the Woman's Board and in the Sunday School. We report no large accessions to our membership, but believe a feeling prevails which is indicative of good to come."

Tarrytown Second. This church has received eighteen new members during the year, eight on confession and ten on certificate. But it has lost seven by dismission, nine by death and three have been suspended. "While thankful for what we have gained, we are sorry for what we have lost, and lament that we are not able to report a larger growth. The benevolent contributions show a gratifying increase upon the previous year, and amount to $858 03. The Woman's Missionary Society, and the Sunday School under the prompting of its energetic superintendent, Mr. George Silver, one of elders of the church, has done much to produce this result. The invested fund of the church Missionary Society has yielded an income of $153 22, all of which has been given to the support of our Domestic Missions, but is not allowed to be included in the Statistical report. The services of the Sabbath and the Prayer-meeting during the week have been regularly maintained, and not without some tokens of interest. While we have much to deplore in the prevalent wordliness of the times that affects our spirituality and devotion, we have much also to awaken our gratitude and to stimulate our zeal."

The church of *Unionville* reports: "Twenty-five have been received, seventeen on confession, eight on certificate, yet the total amount of communicants shows no such increase, the roll having been revised. The people of the church are all poor and financially crippled. Still the church contributed to all the Boards of our Church and to other objects of benevolence."

West Farms presents her report with a heavy heart. The Statistical table shows only one addition by certificate and none by confession, while eight have been dismissed by death and by certificate. While the Word of God has been regu-

larly and faithfully preached and two weekly Prayer-meetings sustained, yet no marked visible results have followed. The open and flagrant desecration of the Sabbath in the immediate vicinity of the church seems to exert a demoralizing influence over our youth, for although our Sabbath School numbers about one hundred, yet not a single conversion during the year. There has been a gradual increase during the year in the attendance on the services on the Sabbath. Collections have been taken for all the Boards. The members and some others have made great exertions to sustain the church, both spiritually and financially, and they deserve special commendation for their self-denial and persistent efforts in the Master's work.

Yonkers reports: "At the beginning of the church year the pastor and his family removed from the former parsonage to the beautiful property adjoining the church just then purchased. This property originally belonged to the church but was lost to it in its historic trial of 1852. The recovery of it has gladdened all hearts and brought greatly increased convenience both to the pastor and the people. We have also to report the erection by us, in the southern part of our city, of a beautiful chapel, which was dedicated to the service of God on the 9th of November last. A Sabbath School and a weekly Prayer-meeting are held in it and the services will follow. This chapel is known as the Ludlow Street Chapel of the Reformed Church, and out of it and its services will no doubt grow at no distant day a Second Reformed Church for our city. During the later months of the year we have enjoyed a gratifying increase of spiritual life among the members of the church. It has appeared in a better attendance upon all meetings and services, in a greater fervor in devotional exercises, and in deepened interest in the salvation of souls. But we have had an unusually small number of accessions from the world since our last report. This has been a great trial to us, yet we hope for better things in the year to come."

The following ministerial changes took place during the year: Rev. William S. Moore received from Classis of Orange; Rev. James Bolton dismissed from Greenville and

installed at West Farms; Rev. Edward J. Runk dismissed from Bronxville; Rev. William E. Turner, received from Classis of Orange and installed at Greenburg; Rev. William T. Anderson received from Presbytery of Morris .Orange; Rev. M. M. Curtis was dismissed from Hastings to the Presbytery of Cleveland; Rev. James E. Graham was received from the Classis of Bergen and will be installed at Greenville May 14, 1885.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY DE VRIES, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF ARCOT.

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Palamanair	" " "	8	....	2	2	1	1	9	....	....	14	3	1	38	18 13 10	5 1 10	" " "
Vellore	Jared W. Scudder, M.D.	69	4	8	12	....	6	112	6	1	26	4	1	247	173 14 8	104 1 6	Vellore, " "
Kandiputtur	" "	103	2	....	2	....	2	120	13	1	4	71	5	387	21 7 4	13 14 8	" " "
Sekadu	" "	89	....	....	....	....	1	104	3	....	5	54	2	317	14 1 2	7	" " "
Kattupadi	Abraham William	140	2	....	....	....	5	190	8	2	2	132	8	515	386 3 10	90	Kattupadi, " "
Tindivanam	John H. Wyckoff	19	3	4	4	1	1	98	4	1	68	11	1	107	56 10 ..	46 4 ..	Tindivanam, " "
Coonoor	" "	56	1	2	....	....	1	97	9	1	105	12	1	214	53 5 7	84 12 ..	" " "
Sattambadi	" "	71	4	2	1	7	1	103	9	2	122	98	8	323	24 4 1	28 12 4	" " "
Orattur	Paul Bailey	71	3	....	....	....	....	94	10	....	99	83	3	276	11 1 3	35 11 10	" " "
Kolapakam	" "	50	2	....	....	4	....	61	1	2	48	80	5	190	10 9 9	22 6 3	" " "
Narasinganur	" "	37	....	2	....	....	....	61	2	....	55	33	3	149	7 14 5	21 11 10	" " "
Varikkal	" "	38	....	....	....	....	....	34	3	....	65	54	3	152	8 7 5	16 1 2	" " "
Vellirapattu	" "	52	4	....	....	....	....	67	2	2	83	60	4	210	8 3 11	17 5 10	" " "
	Total	1349	38	38	41	19	30	1582	118	18	1103	1158	85	5088	*1021 2 4	*969 .. 2	

Other Ministers.—J. W. Conklin, in charge of Chittoor Station; L. Hekhuis, M.D., in charge of Arcot Station; E. C. Scudder, Jr., Arni.
Candidates.—A. Masillamini, P. Souri. *A rupee is worth fifty cents. Contributions of the Missionaries are not included in these amounts.

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
First Claverack	Wm. J. Leggett	115	7	6	4	...	1	*220	5	3	70	100	3	240	$495 41	$1,962	Claverack, N. Y.
Second Claverack	A. J. Sebring	150	2	4	8	...	4	181	4	2	.....	.....	2	200	440 05	1,973 20	Mellenville, "
Gallatin	Wm. N. Todd	77	10	....	2	...	2	165	7	3	25	.....	1	75	71 79	858 90	Mt. Ross, "
Germantown	H. P. Blair	108	2	2	4	...	9	160	4	....	....	109	1	126	145 38	1,855 72	Germantown, "
Greenport	Wm. D. Perry	117	3	....	9	...	6	212	6	2	86	94	3	271	127 66	1,544 73	Hudson, "
Hudson	Wm. Smith	226	2	9	4	...	6	480	7	....	....	.....	1	325	1,259 78	5,019 39	" "
Linlithgow	T. S. Dusinberre (s. c.)	75	3	....	....	...	4	115	10	1	.....	.....	1	90	288 19	846 79	Livingston, "
Livingston at Linlithgo	Geo. Le Fevre	56	11	1	1	...	1	40	3	6	....	10	1	71	43 08	638 38	Linlithgo, "
Upper Red Hook	E. C. Scudder	92	7	7	2	...	2	*140	13	2	.....	.....	1	138	544 67	1,689 04	Upper Red Hook, "
West Copake	Jas. C. Garretson	84	....	1	1	...	....	*105	6	....	93	.....	1	149	32 05	1,204 69	West Copake, "
	Total	1100	47	30	35	...	35	1828	65	19	274	313	15	1685	$3,448 06	$17,592 84	

*Revised List.

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Bloomingdale	James M. Compton	*102	5	....	2	...	3	118	17	2	72	12	1	178	$38 11	$521 40	Whiteport, Ulster Co., N.Y.
The Clove	William H. Vroom	140	7	2	6	...	4	235	10	2	206	30	2	331	143 91	1,662 97	High Falls, " "
Dashville Falls	Richard P. Milliken	*50	20	7	3	...	3	*125	5	10	.....	.....	1	60	36 71	957 37	Rifton Glen, " "
Guilford	Calvin E. Lasher	*80	3	4	...	...	4	*85	2	....	192	88	4	215	65 26	1,215	Gardiner, " "
Hurley	DeWitt B. Wyckoff	75	7	5	2	...	3	155	1	1	90	50	1	133	180 59	975 44	Hurley, " "
Kingston, Fair Street	Stephen D. Noyes	*155	12	2	1	...	4	*295	4	2	.....	.....	1	*222	569 66	3,535 76	Kingston, " "
Krumville	Paul T. Deyo	40	2	1	2	...	3	95	6	....	70	26	1	70	12	300	Samsonville, " "
Lyonsville	Vacant	50	1	....	....	...	2	90	....	1	.....	.....	1	65	3 25	65	Stone Ridge, " "
Marbletown	Bastian Smits	95	5	6	2	...	2	*150	4	2	.....	70	1	82	90 75	1,535 69	" "
Marbletown, North Ch.	Bastian Smits	60	5	....	3	...	3	*112	7	2	.....	40	1	35	34 11	587 93	" "
New Paltz	Ame Vennema	*250	11	3	8	...	14	357	7	3	....	187	6	324	607 83	1,874 60	New Paltz, " "
Rochester	John B. Church	135	14	....	5	...	4	196	4	4	156	25	4	340	81 62	1,390 36	Accord, " "
Rosendale	Matthew N. Oliver	88	12	6	...	...	...	85	12	5	.....	...	1	131	15 55	1,040 98	Rosendale, " "
St. Remy	James M. Compton	37	1	....	1	...	1	74	3	1	18	10	1	88	8 10	885 43	Whiteport, " "
	Total	1352	105	43	35		50	2172	82	35	804	533	26	2374	$1,887 45	$16,497 93	

Other Ministers.—Rev. James R. Lente, Emeritus, Washingtonville, Orange Co., N. Y.; Rev. M. F. Libenau, Emeritus, Kingston, Ulster Co., N. Y.; Rev. J. Ferguson Harris (s. c.), Kingston, Ulster Co., N. Y.

*Revised List.

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Jamaica	William H. De Hart	168	5	6	3	...	9	288	18	1	.....	75	2	229	$732 25	$5,298 92	Jamaica, N.Y.
Newtown	Charles I. Shepard	97	4	3	5	...	3	193	8	...	.....	.....	2	340	572 83	2,336 22	Newtown, "
Oyster Bay	J. H. Smock	100	4	1	1	...	2	117	3	2	.....	.....	1	100	184 31	1,425 48	Glen Head, "
North Hempstead	Abram I. Martine	76	12	...	...	...	3	103	5	4	49	48	2	175	300 50	1,625 73	Manhasset, "
Williamsburgh	Edward P. Terhune	160	10	22	3	...	3	305	5	3	.....	.....	1	375	.....	.....	166 Bedford Av., B'klyn, E.D.
Astoria	Vacant	100	11	12	12	...	5	244	16	5	50	100	1	295	816 95	2,917 49	Astoria, L. I., N.Y.
Flushing	O. E. Cobb	97	5	6	8	...	5	238	5	4	.....	90	1	170	458 37	3,900	Flushing, "
Greenpoint	Lewis Francis	215	10	4	15	...	8	415	17	1	.....	.....	2	978	1,123 30	6,441 03	143 Noble St., Brooklyn, E.D.
South Bushwick	George D. Hulst	175	14	14	5	...	6	308	22	5	70	.....	1	750	145 78	4,130 53	15 Himrod St., " "
Second Astoria	C. D. F. Steinfuhrer	95	13	2	...	...	2	*206	53	...	.....	35	1	185	51 50	925	Astoria, N.Y.
East Williamsburgh	Vacant	...	...	...	...	...	...	24	5	...	.....	12	1	130	121 36	212 58	
Queens	Andrew Hageman	108	10	...	8	...	2	147	14	5	.....	100	2	463	556 19	2,132 47	Queens, "
German Ev., Brooklyn	John M. Wagner	290	29	1	3	...	14	483	72	1	.....	380	2	1000	327	2,342 80	315 Graham Av., B'klyn, E.D.
Sayville	G. Van Emerick	41	...	...	3	...	1	71	4	...	93	22	1	100	26 33	398 49	Sayville, N.Y.
Locust Valley	J. H. Smock	50	1	...	4	...	1	58	...	...	.....	.....	1	98	70 17	693	Glen Head, "
College Point	Herman C. Berg	77	13	...	2	...	...	138	11	2	150	.....	1	139	1,191 54	2,169	College Point, "
First Ref., L. I. City	Alexander Shaw‡	33	...	...	7	...	...	26	15	...	.....	1	1	125	.....	600	Long Island City, "
Bushwick	Robert H. Barr	300	31	5	10	...	2	465	20	5	.....	.....	1	929	251 56	5,739 12	228 Leonard St., B'klyn, E.D.
German Ev., Jamaica	Henry Frech	52	4	...	...	...	3	159	23	...	.....	8	1	100	90 11	1,266 17	Jamaica, N.Y.
Jericho	E. Gutweiler, S. S.	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	1	30	.....	.....	
Hicksville	E. Gutweiller	26	3	...	...	...	...	25	...	...	.....	.....	1	100	.....	364	Hicksville, "
	Total	2280	179	76	89	...	69	3913	316	38	412	871	27	6811	$7,020 05	$44,818 03	

Other Ministers.—Rev. E. R. Atwater, Brooklyn, E. D., N. Y.; Rev. Jefferson Wynkoop, Cuba, N. Y.; Rev. J. B. Alliger, New York City; Rev. Wm. H. Ten Eyck (s. c.), New Brunswick, N. J.; Rev. John Wenisch, Newark, N. J.; Rev. E. S. Porter, Claverack, N. Y.; Rev. Alexander S. Van Dyck, Missionary to China.
Candidate.—Herman H. Shook, Brooklyn, N. Y. ‡Pastor Elect. *Revised List.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
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Brooklyn	David N. Vandeveer	179	13	2	16	...	10	340	3	2	....	125	2	762	$3,901	$9,109 40	95 Livingston St., B'lyn, N.Y.
Flatbush	C. L. Wells	116	24	7	2	...	4	254	1	4	228	200	1	384	5,225 93	4,000	Flatbush, Kings Co., "
" Mission	M. G. Hansen, S. S.	61	3	....	....	....	2	27	6	....	....	....	1	113	26 77	.....	249 Dean St., Brooklyn, "
New Utrecht	Alfred H. Brush	100	9	3	5	....	4	250	3	....	....	75	3	352	995 42	9,724 46	New Utrecht, Kings Co., "
Gravesend	A. P. Stockwell	120	3	7	3	....	5	230	11	....	125	130	2	215	970 90	1,714 40	Gravesend, " "
Flatlands	John S. Gardner	*86	5	6	1	....	4	*175	14	....	145	180	2	397	670 19	2,903 72	Flatlands, " "
New Lots	Nicholas Pearse	70	4	1	2	....	1	176	17	....	....	45	1	220	1,154 13	1,871 89	East New York, " "
East New York	Daniel Van Pelt	84	2	5	....	....	4	126	6	....	60	200	1	325	548 10	3,734 28	" " "
South Brooklyn	Alfred D. W. Mason	75	17	19	2	....	4	104	16	1	65	75	1	315	226 61	1,496 39	1059 3d Ave., Brooklyn, "
Middle "	Wm. H. Ford	140	16	5	14	....	4	200	7	7	....	....	1	265	499 60	7,350	309 President St., " "
12th St., "	U. D. Gulick	220	23	19	26	....	5	651	25	4	321	703	2	1501	1,083 23	8,677 17	257 12th St., " "
North "	Vacant	46	4	1	16	....	2	141	6	2	....	114	1	201	55	2,050	
Ch. on Heights, B'klyn.	Alfred J. Hutton	104	11	5	14	....	5	400	5	1	....	45	2	544	9,317 05	6,026 54	165 Hicks St., " "
New Brooklyn	Jacob Weber	120	40	....	....	....	4	369	79	6	650	35	1	300	159	1,491 88	772 Herkimer St., " "
Bedford	Walter T. Griffin	304	32	39	5	....	4	335	14	5	....	200	1	308	325 43	8,628 72	674 Bedford Ave., " "
Second Flatbush	C. H. Schwarzbach	60	8	....	....	....	....	*82	18	....	102	8	1	63	20 23	523 50	Flatbush, Kings Co., "
Canarsie	Conrad Dickhaut	38	5	....	....	....	1	66	7	....	....	10	1	80	25	523 06	East New York, Kings Co. "
St. Thomas, West Indies	Anson Du Bois	40	9	....	....	....	5	123	9	....	....	30	1	75	32	1,968 84	St. Thomas, West Indies.
	Total	1868	228	119	106	...	68	4159	247	32	1696	2175	25	6430	$25,235 59	$71,884 25	

Other Ministers.—Rev. J. M. Van Buren, Nyack, N.Y.; Rev. Jacob West, Sec'y of Board of Domestic Missions, 34 Vesey St., N.Y.; Rev. Daniel Rapalje, Missionary at Amoy, China; Rev. John M. Ferris, Editor *Christian Intelligencer*, 6 New Church St., N.Y.; Rev. David Sutphen, Bloomfield, New Jersey; Rev. R. G. Strong (s.c.), Principal Erasmus Hall Academy, Flatbush, N.Y.; Rev. Alex. R. Thompson, Chaplain of Roosevelt Hospital, N.Y., 180 Clermont Ave., Brooklyn, L.I.; Rev. Jacob Whitehurst, S. S., Bethany Chapel, 104 Willoughby St., Brooklyn, L.I.

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New York (Collegiate)	Thomas E. Vermilye	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	15 West 56th St., N.Y.City.
	Talbot W. Chambers	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	70 West 36th St., "
	William Ormiston	700	68	21	48	...	24	*1776	15	9	....	1200	7	2705	$27,342	....	17 West 32d St., "
	Edward B. Coe	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	42 West 52d St., "
North	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	113 Fulton St., "
DeWitt Col.	Giles H. Mandeville	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	160 West 29th St., "
Knox Mem'l. Chapl's.	Ab'm Thompson (s. c.)	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	514 Ninth Avenue, "
Seventh Ave.	Joseph R. Duryee	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	112 West 47th St., "
Harlem	George H. Smyth	375	36	50	10	...	5	602	6	10	400	700	1	850	1,909 59	$3,500	127 East 127th St., "
South New York	Roderick Terry	143	4	3	11	...	3	258	8	....	67	46	2	258	6,284 77	11,000	169 Madison Ave., "
Manor (Chpl. So. N.Y.)	James A. Billingsley	137	28	9	2	...	2	132	9	2	84	100	1	524	161 91	307 83	443 West 22d St., "
Staten Island	James H. Brownlee	148	7	8	1	...	2	264	5	1	....	200	2	453	654 04	4,375	Port Richmond, S.I., N.Y.
	Alfred H. Demarest																
Bloomingdale	Carlos Martyn	102	10	20	7	...	2	*103	7	....	....	205	1	205	500 93	.....	Cor. B'way & 68th St., N.Y.
Madison Avenue	Edward A. Reed	140	4	6	7	...	2	278	2	....	119	170	2	598	4,115 71	20,406 02	120 East 64th St., N.Y.City.
Thirty-fourth Street	James M. Dickson	175	27	6	19	...	6	383	16	3	73	227	1	240	649	5,125	450 West 34th St., "
German Ev. Mission	Julius W. Geyer	165	39	2	11	...	15	450	40	3	550	45	1	....	1,586	1,750 94	78 Second St., "
Richmond, Staten Isl'd	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	
Huguenots, "	Vacant	35	3	....	2	...	2	*28	....	....	....	70	1	70	29 41	247 50	
St. Paul's, Mott Haven	Hasbrouck Du Bois	102	7	5	5	...	5	196	10	4	125	250	1	575	350	2,500	580 East 145th St., "
Union, High Bridge	Daniel Hoffman Martin	40	3	13	....	...	1	65	....	....	42	....	1	125	424 02	1,846 08	High Bridge, N.Y.
Fourth German	John H. Oerter	94	51	....	5	...	2	*307	34	....	124	280	1	480	299 07	2,028 63	248 West 40th St., "
Prospect Hill	D. McL. Quackenbush	109	17	16	4	...	1	216	10	4	121	310	1	580	922 30	4,808 21	222 East 87th St., "
	Oliver H. Walser																
Holland	Vacant	33	5	3	1	...	....	72	1	1	....	8	....	....	195 51	.....	
Avenue B, German Ev.	Jacob Schlegel	105	69	2	2	...	2	590	60	1	61	40	1	325	419	2,919 71	602 Fifth St., "
Brighton Heights	William Walton Clark	102	10	9	1	...	5	330	7	2	114	225	1	345	610 64	4,895 11	Tompkinsville, N.Y.
Union, Sixth Ave	E. S. Fairchild	115	1	....	5	...	1	295	9	1	....	120	1	220	610 79	3,878 81	25 Sixth Ave., N.Y.City.
German, Norfolk St	Frederick C. Erhart	75	44	4	6	...	4	*300	69	1	....	29	1	350	101	1,800	129 Norfolk St., "
Kreischerville, S. I.	Jacob Gansz	60	87	....	....	...	5	160	14	1	....	11	1	100	15	.....	Kreischerville, Richm'd Co., N.Y.
Brookfield, Conn.	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	
German Ev. of York'vle	G. A. T. Goebel	48	46	....	....	...	....	54	11	....	....	8	1	152	10	160	155 East 91st St., N.Y.City.
	Total	3003	566	177	147	...	89	6849	333	43	1880	4244	29	9155	$47,190 69	$71,548 84	

Foreign Missionaries—Rev. Leonard W. Kip, Amoy, China; Rev. C. H. H. Wolff, Japan; Rev. E. Rothesay Miller, *in transitu*, Yokohama, Japan; Rev. Nathan Henry Demarest, Nagasaki, Japan.

Other Ministers.—Rev. C. M. Jameson, Somerville, N.J.; Rev. John Forsyth, Newburgh, N.Y.; Rev. William H. Miller, Brooklyn, N.Y., Rev. Aaron Lloyd, Belleville, N.J.; Rev. A. G. Vermilye, Englewood, N.J.; Rev. F. N. Zabriskie, Princeton, N.J.; Rev. A. J. Park, Weston, Conn.; Rev. G. S. Plumley, P.O. Box 587, New York City; Rev. F. M. Kip, Chaplain, Tompkinsville, N.Y. *Revised List.

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.

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Berea	Adrian Westveer	70	4	....	5	....	1	127	....	1	....	15	....	75	$143 05	$850	Walden, N.Y.
Bloomingburgh	James B. Wilson	58	3	3	3	....	2	118	7	2	.....	25	1	93	54 02	1,075	Bloomingburgh, "
Callicoon	H. Miller, S.S.	65	20	....	....	....	15	187	31	....	.....	45	1	145	5	299 11	Callicoon, "
Claraville	Vacant	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	Claraville, "
Cuddebackville	Herman Hageman	58	18	1	2	....	....	99	5	12	.....	50	2	125	59 70	684	Cuddebackville, "
Deerpark	Goyn Talmage	178	10	1	8	1	9	288	7	1	.....	150	2	397	769 17	2,959 49	Port Jervis, "
Ellenville	John Hutchins	101	8	7	7	1	7	202	1	3	.....	.....	1	....	369 20	4,276 25	Ellenville, "
Fallsburgh	Walter S. Brown	108	8	2	3	....	1	120	1	2	72	.....	....	50	139 90	685	Woodbourne, "
Grahamsville	Vacant	....	....	....	....	....	....	110	....	....	.....	.....	....	100	....	....	Grahamsville, "
Kerhonkson	Vacant	50	....	....	....	....	....	60	....	....	.....	.....	....	50	....	....	Kerhonkson, "
Mamakating	Vacant	40	....	....	5	....	5	*70	....	....	.....	.....	1	75	12	804 89	Wurtsboro, "
Minnisink	Vacant	70	1	....	1	....	....	45	....	....	.....	.....	1	50	3 90	85 62	Montague, N.J.
Montgomery	Ferdinand S. Schenck	185	7	8	5	....	6	414	7	1	.....	100	4	200	1,090 84	2,141 93	Montgomery, N.Y.
Newburgh	Henry V. S. Myers	186	3	10	12	....	10	*409	7	1	137	164	1	192	620 15	4,579 51	Newburgh, "
New Hurley	Vacant	109	....	....	....	....	....	151	....	....	.....	.....	....	130	....	....	New Hurley, "
New Prospect	Vacant,	80	7	1	4	....	10	136	10	4	.....	.....	2	96	130	....	Pine Bush, "
Shawangunk	Peter K. Hageman	80	10	6	6	....	4	200	12	1	.....	.....	4	175	108 14	1,441 50	Bruynswick, "
Unionville	Vacant	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	Grahamsville, "
Walden	M. V. Schoonmaker	80	4	8	5	....	4	190	6	....	.....	.....	1	200	400	1,800	Walden, "
Walkill Valley	Richard DeWitt (s.c.)	70	1	16	5	....	8	120	3	....	39	25	1	120	69 71	1,248 39	Walkill, "
Walpack (Upper)	Vacant	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	Dingman's Bridge, Pa.
Walpack (Lower)	H. L. Rex	65	....	2	....	....	1	120	5	....	.....	60	2	100	45	700	Bushkill, "
Wawarsing	George D. Lydecker	61	....	2	3	....	4	78	4	....	.....	....	1	150	71 32	1,327 22	Napanoch, N.Y.
	Total	1724	104	67	74	2	78	3324	106	27	248	634	25	2463	$4,085 50	$24,953 92	

Other Ministers.—Rev. S. W. Mills, Port Jervis, N.Y.; Rev. John A. Staats, Goshen, N.Y.; Rev. E. W. Bentley, Canton Center, Hartford Co., Conn.; Rev. G. S. Garretson, Dingman's Bridge, Pa.; John T. Demarest, Emeritus, Mount Moor, N.Y.

*Revised List.

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
First Poughkeepsie	A. P. Van Gieson (s. c.)	190	20	8	10	...	13	431	4	5	...	...	1	338	$2,614 27	$2,684 58	Poughkeepsie, N.Y.
Second Poughkeepsie	J. Elmendorf	135	24	8	5	...	3	264	9	6	...	...	1	175	2,014 67	4,646 24	" "
Fishkill	M. B. Thomas	84	5	1	4	...	5	179	...	2	...	...	1	100	338 78	1,587 78	Fishkill, "
Hopewell	C. H. Polhemus	150	37	5	7	...	3	279	12	12	...	...	6	279	269 41	1,334 66	Hopewell Junction, "
New Hackensack	Henry Ward	100	1	...	2	...	3	152	...	...	...	40	4	210	621 18	1,402 11	New Hackensack, "
Hyde Park	Vacant	*60	...	...	...	...	...	*110	...	...	...	...	*1	*40	...	...	Hyde Park, "
Fishkill-on-Hudson	Charles W. Fritts	120	16	6	5	...	2	265	1	9	...	...	1	200	602 47	3,517 50	Fishkill-on-Hudson, "
Rhinebeck	Vacant	100	3	2	1	...	6	196	1	...	...	...	1	130	277 04	1,257 88	Rhinebeck, "
Glenham	W. W. Schomp	35	6	...	2	...	...	63	3	4	...	...	1	90	53 48	613 92	Glenham, "
Cold Spring	Isaac W. Gowen	28	2	3	3	...	2	60	...	...	...	...	1	50	62 62	822 53	Cold Spring, "
Millbrook	J. Edward Lyall	75	4	5	4	...	1	108	5	3	...	...	4	150	209 60	2,115 60	Millbrook, "
	Total	1077	108	38	43	...	38	2107	35	41	...	40	22	1762	$7,063 52	$19,982 86	

Other Ministers.— Rev. C. S. Hageman, D.D., Nyack, N.Y.; Rev. A. Mattice, Pine Plains, N.Y.; Rev. H. N. Cobb, 84 Vesey Street, New York; Rev. C. R. Blauvelt, Nyack, N.Y.; Rev. H. Dater, Hawthorne, N.J.

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CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Bronxville	Vacant	45	....	....	2	....	....	86	1	....	22	70	1	75	$206 14	$1,080 70	Bronxville, Westchester Co.
Cortlandtown	Joseph A. Harper	70	2	5	1	....	2	*65	6	2	24	.....	2	130	150 60	898 65	Montrose, " N.Y.
Fordham	William Anderson	44	6	4	2	....	4	*68	10	4	.....	.....	1	141	854 77	3,496 96	Fordham, New York City.
Greenburg	William E. Turner	22	....	1	....	....	1	16	2	....	.....	.....	1	62	.....	+600	Elmsford, Westchester Co.
Greenville	James E. Graham	18	....	....	....	....	....	51	1	....	.....	.....	1	34	.....	762	Scarsdale, " N.Y.
Hastings-on-Hudson	Vacant	70	11	3	3	....	2	88	1	8	.....	.....	1	135	.....	1,000	Hastings, " "
Melrose	John E. Lang	62	22	....	1	....	3	132	9	....	17	17	1	376	41	1,270 60	Elton Av., cor. 156th St, N.Y.C
Mount Vernon	Chas. K. Clearwater (s.c)	155	18	26	6	....	12	330	9	2	130	194	1	342	1,361 83	5,122 64	Mount Vernon, N.Y.
Peekskill	Henry De Vries	97	44	10	....	....	1	*123	4	23	.....	20	1	99	273 94	1,781 90	Peekskill, "
Tarrytown, First	John K. Allen	102	4	2	1	....	8	247	5	....	.....	.....	1	180	525 85	4,286 16	Tarrytown, "
Tarrytown, Second	John A. Todd	100	8	10	7	3	9	336	2	2	.....	56	1	120	858 03	3,059	" "
Unionville	Peter A. Wessels	48	17	8	1	....	2	98	12	....	19	.....	1	120	320 11	1,480 58	Neperan, Westchester Co. "
West Farms	James Bolton	22	....	1	5	....	3	*21	....	....	.....	50	1	100	74	844 64	1295 Woodruff St., N.Y. City.
Yonkers	David Cole	150	5	5	5	....	8	354	12	3	135	274	2	274	892 08	7,978 30	Yonkers, N.Y.
	Total	905	132	75	34	3	54	2000	74	44	347	681	16	2188	$5,557 80	$33,657 08	

Other Ministers.—Rev. William Brush, Morristown, N.J.; Rev. Lawrence H. Van Dyck, Merritt's Corners, Westchester Co., N.Y.; Rev. William W. Rand, Publ. Sec. American Tract Society, 150 Nassau St., New York; Rev. Howard Harris, Foreign Missionary, Japan; Rev. Alexander Watson, Sing Sing, N.Y.; Rev. A. Messler Quick, 56 7th Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y.; Rev. William S. Moore, 124 Waverly Place, Yonkers, N.Y.; Rev. William F. Anderson, Assistant to the Pastor of Fordham, N.Y. City; Rev. Edward J. Runk, 18 West 51st St., New York.

Candidate.—Henry J. Bogardus, M.D., 135 East 42d St., New York.

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SUMMARY VIEW OF THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK, FOR YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 1885.

CLASSES.	Churches.	Ministers.	Number of Families.	Rec'd.		Total now in Communion.	Baptized		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. & B. S. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		STATED CLERKS.
				On Confession.	On Certificate.		Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Arcot	23	11	1349	38	38	1582	118	18	1103	1158	85	5088	$511	$485	Rev. John Scudder.
Hudson	10	10	1100	47	30	1828	65	19	274	313	15	1685	3,448 06	17,592 84	Rev. Thomas S. Dusinberre.
Kingston	14	14	1352	105	43	2172	82	35	804	533	26	2274	1,887 45	16,497 93	Rev. J. Ferguson Harris.
North Long Island	21	24	2280	179	76	3913	316	38	412	871	27	6811	7,020 05	44,818 03	Rev. William H. Ten Eyck.
South Long Island	17	24	1868	228	119	4159	247	32	1696	2175	25	6430	25,235 59	71,884 25	Rev. Robert G. Strong.
New York	22	40	3003	566	177	6849	323	43	1880	4244	29	9155	47,190 69	71,548 84	Rev. Abram Thompson.
Orange	23	19	1724	104	67	3324	106	27	248	634	25	2463	4,085 50	24,953 92	Rev. Richard DeWitt.
Poughkeepsie	11	14	1077	108	38	2107	35	41	.....	40	22	1762	7,063 52	19,982 86	Rev. A. P. Van Gieson.
Westchester	14	21	905	132	75	2000	74	44	347	681	16	2188	5,557 80	33,657 08	Rev. Charles K. Clearwater.
Total	155	177	14658	1507	663	27934	1276	297	6764	10649	270	37856	$101,999 66	$301,420 75	

ARTICLE VIII.

CLASSICAL MINUTES.

The Committee on Classical Minutes reported by sub-committees on the Minutes of each of the Classes, as follows, and the reports were accepted and adopted :

Classis of Hudson.—The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the Classis of Hudson would report that they found those Minutes very neatly and accurately kept. Especially would they commend the portion of the Annual Report of the Classis. With reference to the constitutional inquiries they find that all the churches answer in the affirmative to 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6. To inquiry 2, all but two, Germantown and Hudson. To question 7, Germantown, Greenport, Upper Red Hook, and Hudson answer "yes."

S. D. NOYES, *Chairman.*

Classis of Kingstown. The Committee on the Minutes of the Classis of Kingston begs leave to report that the Book of Minutes has been carefully examined and found to be correctly and neatly kept. In relation to the answers to the 2d and 3d constitutional questions, your Committee finds that in the churches of Dashville Falls, Kingston, Fair Street, Marbletown and Marbletown North, and Rosendale, the regular and systematic explanation of the Catechism is omitted. In the churches of Kingston, Fair Street, Marbletown and Marbletown North, the catechisms of the children is not attended to.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. V. S. MYERS, *Chairman.*

North Classis of Long Island. Your Committee on the Classical Minutes of North Long Island, respectfully report that we find the record all in due form and in good order. We find in regard to the 2d constitutional question that eleven churches answer in the negative. In regard to 3d question we find it a mixed up matter, some answering affirmatively to one clause, while the answer to other clauses are in-

definite; most of the churches answer in the affirmative. Further, your Committee saith not.

Respectfully submitted,

P. T. DEYO, *Chairman.*

South Classis of Long Island. The Committee on the Minutes of the South Classis of Long Island respectfully report that they find them correct and in good order. The answers to the constitutional questions indicate a high degree of faithfulness to their ministerial vows on the part of the several pastors.

WILLIAM D. PERRY, *Chairman.*
HERMAN H. SHOOK.

Classis of New York. The Committee on the Minutes of the Classis of New York, respectfully report that they find the Minutes in good order and correctly kept so far as complete. The answers to constitutional questions 2 and 3 are given in the affirmative. For some reason the Collegiate Church, the Bloomingdale Church, the Holland Church and the Kreischerville Church report no contribution to Congregational Purposes and your Committee recommend that hereafter the reports of Classis be complete in this respect.

WILLIAM D. PERRY, *Chairman.*
ASHER H. HUBBARD.

Classis of Orange. The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the Classis of Orange would respectfully report that they are found in order and are kept very neatly. In reference to the answers to the constitutional questions your Committee find that ten churches have made no report, some of which are without pastors. The answers to questions two and three stand as follows: to 2d, *eight* churches answer in the affirmative, *five* in the negative. To question three *eleven* in the affirmative, *one* in the negative, and *one* blank.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. OERTER, *Chairman.*

Classis of Poughkeepsie. The Committee on Minutes of the Classis of Poughkeepsie report that the records have been neatly and regularly kept. Second Poughkeepsie and Fishkill Landing answer *no* to the second constitutional question, and six out of nine answer *no* to the third constitutional question.

W. F. ANDERSON, *Chairman.*

Classis of Westchester. The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the Classis of Westchester, respectfully report that the accounts have been regularly kept. One church, that of Peekskill, reports a special revival, having received forty-four new members during the last year. In regard to questions two and three, relating to preaching upon the Catechism, and to Catechetical Instruction, *nine* churches out of the fourteen answered *no* to question two, *four* churches answer *no* to question three.

All of which is respectfully reported,

P. K. HAGEMAN, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE IX.

CLASSICAL APPEALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE X.

CLASSICAL REFERENCES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XI.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XII.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the attention of the several churches be called to the alarming progress of Sabbath desecration, and

that our ministers be requested to preach on this subject at their earliest convenience.

ARTICLE XIII.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIV.

SCHOOLS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XV.

STUDENTS IN THEOLOGY.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVI.

SIGNING THE FORMULA.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVII.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS.

Attended to by the Committee on Classical Minutes. Also on motion it was

Resolved, That the Classes be earnestly enjoined to see to to it, that all the constitutional questions receive an affirmative answer.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SYNODICAL INJUNCTIONS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIX.

PARTICULARIA.

The first hour of Tuesday afternoon, after the organization, was passed in devotional exercises, led by the President.

The first half hour of Wednesday morning session was

also spent in devotional services, led by the Vice-President.

The Communion of the Lord's Supper was celebrated on the evening of the first day, immediately after the Synodical Sermon. The form was read by the President of Synod. The bread was administered by Rev. G. H. Mandeville, and the cup by Rev. Joachim Elmendorf; the distribution was made by the Elders, A. F. Hazen, T. K. Westbrook, George Stewart and Asher H. Hubbard.

The bar of the house was defined.

Revs. David Cole, John Hutchins and P. T. Deyo, and Elder A. F. Hazen, were appointed a special Committee for arranging the hours of the sessions, the devotional exercises, and the reading of the Papers. Their report was accepted and adopted, and is as follows:

The Rev. Ferdinand S. Schenk to read his paper on "The Bible and Materialism," during the hour for devotional exercises on Tuesday afternoon.

Rev. Drs. Talbot W. Chambers and John Forsyth to read their papers on "The Promises in the Psalms as read in the light of the New Testament," and "The Doctrine of a Future Life in the Old Testament," respectively, immediately after the half-hour devotional exercises, on Wednesday morning.

The Rev. Andrew V. V. Raymond, to address Synod on behalf of the Board of Foreign Missions, and the Rev. Abram Thompson, on behalf of the Board of Domestic Missions, immediately after the reading of the above papers.

Tuesday afternoon, Synod to adjourn at 5:30 o'clock; to meet in the evening at 7:30. The Synodical Sermon and Administration of the Lord's Supper to take place as recorded.

Wednesday morning, Synod to assemble at 9 and adjourn at 12:30. To meet in the afternoon at 2 o'clock.

On motion it was

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be extended by this Synod to the brethren who have favored us with the able and interesting papers read before Synod.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the selecting of subjects for papers, and

persons to prepare them, be referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The Committee reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted :

1. That a paper be read on "The Relation of Miracles to the Laws of Nature," by Rev. John H. Oerter, of New York.

2. That a paper be read on, "The Inspiration of the Scriptures," by Rev. Charles W. Fritts, of Fishkill-on-Hudson.

3. That a paper be read on "Probation," by Rev. Stephen D. Noyes, of Kingston.

By invitation of the President, Rev. David Cole, pastor of the church, addressed the Synod, and, together with Elder Palmer, conveyed the salutations of Consistory and Church to Synod. The President responded.

According to resolution, the Rev. A. V. V. Raymond was heard at the Wednesday morning session, on behalf of the Board of Foreign Missions, and the Rev. Abram Thompson, on behalf of the Board of Domestic Missions. The President responded to both.

The Revs. John Reid, of the First Presbyterian Church ; Charles E. Allison, of the Day Spring Presbyterian Church ; Edwin P. Farnham, of the Baptist Church; William E. Ketcham, of the First Methodist Episcopal Church ; C. W. Millard, of the Central Methodist Episcopal Church; and Henry Miller, of the German Methodist Episcopal Church of Yonkers, being present, their presence was recognized, and these brethren invited to sit with Synod.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk procure the printing of the usual number (450) of copies of the Minutes of this Session.

On motion it was

Resolved, That this Synod acknowledges with sincere thanks and entire appreciation, the graceful and large hospitality of the families of the church of Yonkers, the kindness and untiring attention of the Pastor and Committee of Consistory during its sessions.

ARTICLE XX.

THE TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

The Treasurer presented the following account which was referred to the Committee on the Treasurer's Account; and their report, which was accepted and adopted, is as follows:

PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK, in account with
THEOPHILUS A BROUWER, *Treasurer.*

1884.	Dr.		
May 22.	To Cash paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt, for salary as Stated Clerk to May, 1885	$100	
" 22.	" Cash paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt, amount paid by him to Rev. William Smith for traveling expenses	6	
" 22.	" Cash paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt for postage	2	42
" 22.	" Cash paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt for doorkeeper at New York	10	
July 21.	" Cash paid Hosford & Sons for printing Minutes of 1884 (450 copies)	123	59
		$242	01
1884.	Cr.		
May 1.	By Cash Balance from old account	$225	12
1885.			
May 5.	" Cash Balance due Treasurer to new account	16	88
		$242	01

E. E. NEW YORK, May 5th, 1885.

THEOPHILUS A. BROUWER,
Treasurer.

The Committee on the Treasurer's Accounts report that they have examined the Treasurer's accounts with the vouchers and find them correct, and that there is a balance due the Treasurer of sixteen dollars and eighty-eight cents ($16.88.)

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. OERTER,
Chairman.

ARTICLE XXI.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL SYNOD.

The following were appointed :

Classis of Arcot.

Rev. Jacob Chamberlain. Rev. John H. Wyckoff.

Classis of Hudson.

PRIMARII.

Rev. H. P. Blair.	Elder Alex. W. Hover.
" Thos. S. Dusinberre.	" O. J. Reeve.
" Wm. D. Perry.	" Richard Becker.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Jas. C. Garretson.	Elder John W. Scott.
" E. C. Scudder.	" Thos. Elmendorf.
" William Smith.	" J. C. Newkirk.

Classis of Kingston.

PRIMARII.

Rev. DeWitt B. Wyckoff.	Elder J. Scott Smith.
" Paul T. Deyo,	" Geo. F. Shultis.
" S. D. Noyes.	" Reuben Bernard.

SECUNDI.

Rev. J. F. Harris.	Elder Aug. Schoonmaker.
" C. E. Lasher.	" Wm. Hornbeck.
" W. H. Vroom.	" J. L. Snyder.

North Classis of Long Island.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Geo. D. Hulst.	Elder Herman H. Shook.
" C. D. F. Steinfuhrer.	" Michael Diehl.
" Ab'm I. Martine.	" Peter Walters.
" Oliver E. Cobb.	" Thos. Shepard.

SECUNDI.

Rev. John H. Smock.	Elder John L. Bogert
" Edward P. Terhune, D.D.	" John H. Dingman.
" Henry Frech.	" Adam Haubitzer.
" J. M. Wagner.	" Peter Richters.

South Classis of Long Island.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Cornelius L. Wells, D.D.	Elder John L. Zabriskie, M.D.
" William H. Ford.	" Albro J. Newton.
" Alfred H. Brush.	" Gilliam Schenck.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Daniel Van Pelt.	Elder T. Schenck Remsen.
" A. P. Stockwell.	" Jacob Voorhees.
" Jacob Weber.	" Ditmas Jewell.

Classis of New York.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Roderick Terry, D.D.	Elder Henry Camerden, Jr.
" James M. Dickson, D.D.	" H. W. Bookstaver.
" Julius W. Geyer.	" Robert Buck.
" Abel G. Vermilye, D.D.	" T. G. Sellew.

SECUNDI.

Rev. William Ormiston, D.D.	Elder G. G. Smith.
" Carlos Martyn.	" Floyd Clarkson.
" Wm. W. Clark.	" J. B. Lockwood.
" Joseph R. Duryee.	" D. R. Hitchcock.

Classis of Orange.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Walter S. Brown.	Elder J. R. Robinson.
" J. A. Staats.	" J. M. Morrison.
" John T. Demarest. D.D.	" W. H. Woodruff, M.D.
" Ferdinand S. Schenck.	" Robert Ashby.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Richard DeWitt.	Elder J. D. C. Hill.
" Geo. D. Lydecker.	" I. G. Gray.
" Goyn Talmage, D.D.	" Darius Rhodes.
" H. L. Rex.	" N. C. Clark.

Classis of Poughkeepsie.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Isaac W. Gowen.	Elder Isaac Riggs.
" Henry N. Cobb, D.D.	" Abraham Varick.
" Henry Ward.	" William Seward.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Chas. S. Hageman, D.D.	Elder Henry L. Young.
" William W. Schomp.	" Sidney Scofield.
" A. P. Van Gieson, D.D.	" L. D. Barnes.

Classis of Westchester.

PRIMARII.

Rev. John A. Todd, D.D.	Elder George Silver.
" Henry DeVries.	" Theodotus Burwell.
" Chas. K. Clearwater.	" J. B. Gregory.

SECUNDI.

Rev. David Cole, D.D.	Elder A. Newman.
" W. E. Turner.	" J. H. Hart.
" E. J. Runk.	" D. Dusenberry.

ARTICLE XXII.

INSTRUCTIONS TO DELEGATES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXIII.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Synod adjourned to meet in Annual Session in the

Reformed Church of Newburgh, N. Y., on the first Tuesday of May, 1886, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

CLOSE OF SYNOD.

The Minutes were read and approved, the roll was called, and the Synod adjourned after prayer by the Rev. David Cole, and the pronouncing of the Apostolic Benediction by the President.

Signed,

HERMAN C. BERG, *President.*
ALFRED H. BRUSH, *Vice President.*

ROBERT H. BARR,
J. A. BILLINGSLEY, } *Temporary Clerks.*

Official Copy,

DANIEL VAN PELT, *Stated Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

PRESIDENTS AND PLACES OF MEETING OF THIS SYNOD SINCE THE RE-ORGANIZATION OF THE PARTICULAR SYNODS, 1870–1885.

DATE.	PRESIDENT.	PLACE.
1870—	Rev. M. S. Hutton, D.D.	Yonkers.
1871—	Rev. Goyn Talmage	Flushing.
1872—	Rev. E. P. Rogers, D.D.	Rhinebeck.
1873—	Rev. John A. Todd, D.D.	Tarrytown, (1st.)
1874—	Rev. G. H. Mandeville, D.D.	Poughkeepsie, (2.)
1875—	Rev. John McC. Holmes, D.D	Brooklyn, (1st.)
1876—	Rev. David Inglis, D.D.	Port Jervis.
1877—	Rev. Joachim Elmendorf, D.D.	Yonkers.
1878—	Rev. Alex. R. Thompson, D.D.	Newburgh.
1879—	Rev. Charles I. Sheperd.	Greenpoint.
1880—	Rev. William Ormiston, D.D.	Mount Vernon.
1881—	Rev. David Cole, D.D.	Montgomery.
1882—	Rev. Polhemus Van Wyck	Jamaica, L. I.
1883—	Rev. Ezekiel C. Scudder, M.D.	Brighton Heights. (S.I.)
1884—	Rev. David N. Vanderveer	New York, (South.)
1885—	Rev. Herman C. Berg	Yonkers.

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THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN THE REFORMED CHURCH OF NEWBURGH, N. Y., ON THE 4TH OF MAY, 1886, AT 3 O'CLOCK, P. M., AND ADJOURNED AT 1.10 O'CLOCK, P. M., OF THE SECOND DAY OF THE SESSION.

FORMATION OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

Synod was opened with prayer by the President of the last Synod, the Rev. Herman C. Berg, who preached the sermon before Synod on the evening of the first day of the Session from Galatians vi: 14—"But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of the Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Classis of Arcot.—Minister—Jacob Chamberlain, D.D.

Classis of Hudson.—Ministers—William J. Leggett, George Le Fevre, H. P. Blair, John G. Gebhard. *Elders*—Peter Hoffman, William F. Crofts, George P. Philip.

Classis of Kingston.—Ministers—DeWitt B. Wyckoff, John B. Church, William H. Vroom. *Elders*—Edward Le Fevre, Thomas C. Harnden.

North Classis of Long Island.—Ministers—Andrew Hageman, Charles I. Shepard, Alexander Shaw.

South Classis of Long Island.—Ministers—Cornelius L. Wells, D.D., Alfred DeW. Mason, John S. Gardner. *Elders*—John L. Ryder, Geo. W. Pool.

Classis of New York.—Ministers—Daniel H. Martin, E. S. Fairchild. *Elders*—Theophilus A. Brouwer, Daniel D. Beekman.

Classis of Orange.—Ministers—A. Westveer, John H. Gillespie, E. D. Moffett, W. B. Darrach. *Elders*—B. R. Innis, W. H. Woodruff, M.D., R. B. Dunn.

Classis of Poughkeepsie.—Ministers—Charles W. Fritts, C. H. Polhemus, M. B. Thomas. *Elders*—Isaac Riggs, Henry L. Young, H. B. Rosa.

Classis of Westchester.—Ministers—William A. Dumont, William F. Anderson, Henry De Vries, Edward J. Runk. *Elders*—Samuel Keeler, Charles Dunlop.

ARTICLE III.

MODERATORS.

The Rev. Cornelius L. Wells was elected President, and the Rev. Charles W. Fritts, Vice-President. The Revs. John H. Gillespie and John G. Gebhard were elected Temporary Clerks.

ARTICLE IV.

MINUTES AND BEQUEST.

The Minutes of the Session of 1885 were read and the printed record of them approved. The Bequest of the Rev. Elias Van Bunschoten was read.

ACTS OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Rules of Order were read.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were the Standing Committees:

ON SYNODICAL MINUTES.—*Ministers*—M. B. Thomas, Andrew Hageman, John B. Church. *Elders*—Theoph. A. Brouwer, Henry L. Young, Samuel Keeler.

ON CLASSICAL MINUTES.—*Arcot.*—Rev. — —— —— *Hudson.*—Rev. A. Hageman. *Elder*—W. H. Woodruff. *Kingston.*—Rev. Henry De Vries. *Elder*—John L. Ryder. *North Long Island.*—Rev. H. P. Blair. *Elder*—Edward Le Fevre. *South Long Island.*—Rev. Wm. F. Anderson. *Elder*—H. L. Young. *New York.*—Rev. Wm. J. Leggett. *Elder*—Geo. W. Pool. *Orange.*—Rev. Chas. I. Shepard. *Elder*—Theo. A. Brouwer. *Poughkeepsie.*—Rev. D. B. Wyckoff. *Elder*—Geo. P. Philip. *Westchester.*—Rev. Geo. Le Fevre. *Elder*—Chas. Dunlop.

ON CLASSICAL REPORTS, OR STATE OF RELIGION.—*Ministers*—Jacob Chamberlain, A. DeWitt Mason, D. H. Martin. *Elders*—W. H. Woodruff, Chas. Dunlop, H. L. Young.

ON THE TREASURERS' ACCOUNT.—*Ministers*—John S. Gardner, Geo. Le Fevre, DeWitt B. Wyckoff. *Elders*—Geo. W. Pool, John L. Ryder, Geo. P. Philip.

ON OVERTURES AND JUDICIAL BUSINESS.—*Ministers*—A. DeWitt Mason, D. H. Martin, Henry De Vries. *Elders*—Peter Hoffman, Isaac Riggs, Edward Le Fevre.

ON NOMINATIONS.—*Ministers*—Wm. J. Leggett, Andrew Hageman, E. O. Moffett. *Elders*—Samuel Keeler, W. H. Woodruff, Wm. F. Crofts.

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE IV.

GENERAL SYNOD.

The Committee on Synodical Minntes reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Synodical Minutes report that they find nothing requiring our action or consideration.

M. B. THOMAS, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE V.

OTHER PARTICULAR SYNODS.

Copies of the Minutes of the Particular Synods of Albany, Chicago and New Brunswick, were received and referred to the Committee on Synodical Minutes.

ARTICLE VI.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE VII.

CLASSICAL REPORTS.

The Committee on Classical Reports, or the State of Religion, reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Classical Reports, or the State of Religion, beg leave to submit the following:

Having examined the reports of the several Classes, constituting this Synod, we find that they indicate a very encouraging condition of affairs; and show that the past year has been one of more than ordinary spiritual growth, and prosperity generally.

In many of the Classes special evangelistic services were ordered among the individual churches, and these services were everywhere fruitful of good results, both in ingathering from the world, and in a deeper quickening of the spiritual life of the people of God. The total number of accessions on confession of faith during this year is 1,563, an increase of 56 over last year, and 212 more than two years ago.

The total number of families this year is 14,971, an increase of 313 over last year.

The total number of communicants this year is 28,380, a gain of 546 over last year.

Your Committee also note the commendable fact that the work of thorough revision of church rolls still goes forward; and they would earnestly urge upon the churches the importance of continued persistence in this direction, so that misapprehension concerning the actual strength of our Church may be removed, and that our statistical columns may be the representation of actual facts.

Your Committee report with pleasure the continual growth of our Sunday Schools; the total enrollment this year being 39,141, which is an increase of over 1,200 as compared with the report of last year.

With regard to the finances of the Church, it is gratifying to report that notwithstanding the prevailing business depression, there has been an increase in the Benevolent Contributions as compared with last year; the amount this year being $102,826.44, over against $101,999.66 of last year. In money for Congregational Purposes this year there has been a decline of $6,000 as compared with last year, but taking into consideration the times, this is really an advance; for the report of last year showed a decline of $22,000 as compared with the year previous.

After a careful comparison of the statistical columns of this year with those of the past year, and observing the unmistakable evidence of uniform and healthy growth in our Church your Committee cannot but feel that it calls for devout gratitude to the great Head of the Church. And so marked a manifestation of divine favor should inspire all His people with great encouragement, and renewed consecration for the year to come.

The following is a general survey of the several Classes, in a comparative view of this year with the past:

Classis of Arcot shows a general increase in all the statistical columns as compared with last year.

Classis of Hudson shows an increase in every statistical column, over last year.

Classis of Kingston shows a general increase in everything with the exception of congregational contributions.

Classis of Long Island, (North), shows a decline in number of families and church additions and benevolent contributions, but an increase in Sunday School enrollment and congregational contributions.

Classis of Long Island, (South), shows a decline in number of families, but an increase in benevolent and congregational contributions.

Classis of New York shows an increase in every department, but a slight decline in benevolent and congregational contributions.

Classis of Orange: General increase in everything compared with last year, showing a most excellent condition of things in this Classis.

Classis of Poughkeepsie: Slight decrease in number of families and congregational contributions; otherwise a general increase in all departments.

Classis of Westchester: Slight decline in benevolence; otherwise a general increase in all the columns.

Your Committee discover with pleasure that there are fewer vacant churches reported this year than last.

Classis of Hudson, only one vacancy.
" " Kingston, " " "
" " Long Island. (North), only two vacancies.
" " " " (South), " one vacancy.

Classis of New York, only two vacancies.
" " Orange, " three, last year nine.
" " Poughkeepsie, only two.
" " Westchester, none, last year two.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JACOB CHAMBERLAIN, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF ARCOT.

The Stated Clerk writes: There is very little of special interest to report. We feel that the Lord has been with us and blessed our work. But we look for and desire a greater blessing, and trust the churches at home will remember and pray for us more earnestly. The number of persons (71) who were admitted to the Communion on confession of their faith is nearly double that admitted the year before. One hundred and forty-three children and forty-six adults were baptized. We feel confident that our people are growing in grace, knowledge and strength; still we feel the need of an outpouring of the Spirit. Pray for us, dear brethren.

JOHN SCUDDER, *Stated Clerk.*

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.

Reports have been received from all the churches.

Our God whom we serve has not left us without the witness of His power to save souls by the preaching of the Word.

But not to all our churches has he been pleased to give the visible results of our labors that we could wish. Yet we bow to His sovereign will, praying that if in anything we have been unfaithful, He will discover it unto us, and teach us to wait patiently for Him while waiting devotedly on Him.

From the reports made by the several Consistories we present the following abstracts:

First Claverack. "The regular Sabbath services and the prayer meetings have been well attended." One of the five Sunday Schools reported is continued through the year. We wait for the blessing from on High."

Second Claverack. "Divine services have been held twice a day on the Sabbath, and have been well attended. There has been no special awakening, spiritually, among us, but a steady addition to our members each communion season, and a sober thoughtfulness and faithfulness in attendance upon God's service give us reason to believe that our labor is not in vain in the Lord."

Gallatin. "Since the last meeting of Classis our pulpit has been vacant, and we have not enjoyed the privilege of the stated preaching, and pastoral care, uninterrupted. Yet we have been permitted to notice quiet but steady interest in, and an earnest desire manifested amongst the members of the church for, the preaching of the Gospel and the means of grace. Nothing has occurred of special interest. We have just been able to secure the services of a minister to whom a call has been extended, and we enter into a new ecclesiastical year with encouragement and a cheerful spirit."

Germantown. "The church is very active in raising funds for its own use, and they are trying to liquidate their debt, which is praiseworthy. Would to God they were as anxious for the spiritual welfare of the church."

Greenport. "We are enjoying prosperity. The attendance upon the means of grace is good. Harmony prevails among our people. We trust we shall be able to improve on our record of benevolent denominational work."

Hudson. "The new pastorate has but just begun. It is of plans and prospects therefore that we chiefly speak. The church seems ready for work and progress. There is a united and enthusiastic response to all suggestions of Christian effort. A deep spiritual interest is manifested. At the last communion twenty-five united with the church, fourteen of whom came by profession. Since that time ten others have presented themselves for examination. Others are awakened. Under these evidences of God's Spirit and blessing we are led to thank God and take courage."

Linlithgow. "There has been no remission of services. The

Word has been faithfully preached. Three have confessed faith in Jesus Christ. Yet we cannot refrain from an expression of sadness on account of a prevailing apathy."

Livingston at Linlithgo. "The church has been blessed with a revival which began with the week of prayer. Prayer meetings were held in the church every night for four weeks, during which time over twenty made known their desire to become Christians. The most of these have united with the church on confession of faith, and the remainder will probably do so at the next communion."

Upper Red Hook. Sends statistics only.

West Copake. "We would bear testimony to the loving superintendence of the Great Shepherd, realized in an unusual degree by His people. This strengthens our faith and warms up devotion. God's house has been enjoyed. The ardent love of both parents and children for the Sunday School experiences no abatement. The weekly prayer meeting has been awaited with special interest. All current expenses have been paid even prompter than ever. The whole machinery is in excellent working order, but we cry for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit."

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

The Rev. A. J. Sebring has been dismissed to the Classis of Ulster.

Henry DuBois Mulford, a licentiate, to the Classis of New Brunswick.

The Rev. E. C. Scudder, D.D., to the Presbytery of Austin.

The Rev. John G. Gebhard has been received from the Classis of New Brunswick.

The Rev. Wm. N. Todd has been dismissed to the Classis of Paramus.

The Rev. Wm. Smith to the Presbytery of Chicago.

The Rev. Wm. D. Perry to the South Classis of Long Island.

The Rev. Wm. H. Gleason, D.D., has been received from the Classis of Newark.

The Rev. Wm. Veenschoten from the Classis of Rensselaer.
The Rev. J. M. Reiner from the Classis of Cayuga.

Respectfully submitted,

T. S. DUSINBERRE, *Acting Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.

Your Committee on the State of Religion has received reports from all the churches, although in one instance simply the statistical columns are filled.

From these statements, representing fourteen localities, it is evident that the Lord's work committed to us is prosperous in this section of the Valley of the Hudson. The growth may be less rapid than in some other portions of our denomination, but the increase of the past year within our bounds, by profession of faith, exceeds the ingathering of any former year since 1877. One of the evidences of a quickened spiritual life is enlarged liberality on the part of our members. The gifts to our Boards of Missions are far in advance of our usual contributions. Accessions highly gratifying are reported from seven of the churches. The following extracts from the Consistorial Reports indicate the present condition of the several churches :

Bloomingdale. "The past year has brought nothing of unusual importance to our congregation. The preached Word and the ordinary means of grace have been statedly enjoyed, but no special religious awakening has appeared. The prayer meeting and Sabbath School have been maintained, and we have contributed our mite to objects of benevolence."

The Clove. "The attendance upon the means of grace and the ordinances of worship has been encouraging. Special meetings held in the winter, both in High Falls and Alligerville, developed considerable interest and resulted in the hopeful conversion of a number of souls in each place. Our Sabbath Schools are flourishing in numbers and apparently in interest. The Catechism has been introduced as a regular study in both our schools, and is recited weekly to the pastor

by a class of 172 students. A Woman's Missionary Society, auxiliary to our Boards, has been organized under promising auspices and has a membership of nearly fifty ladies."

Dashville Falls. "The past has been a year of quiet growth. The spirit of brotherhood exists in a marked degree. The meetings are spiritual and well attended. The Sabbath School is in a hopeful condition. God has honored His Word in adding to the communion of our church many precious sons, for which we are truly grateful."

Guilford. "During the past year there has been no more than the usual spiritual interest manifested. Our prayer meetings have been well attended, with the exception of the winter months, when the condition of the roads prevented some from coming. Much zeal has been shown on the part of our Sabbath School teachers. Our contributions for benevolence are considerably less than last year. Death has deprived us of two members, one an acting elder in the church."

Hurley. "A rich blessing has been given to this church during the past year. Nineteen persons—including the youth of fourteen and the man of seventy-eight years—have confessed Christ as their Saviour. The contributions toward the missionary work of our denomination have been unusually large. Our Sabbath School room has been enlarged and refurnished, and is now convenient and attractive. They who have entered into church relation came mainly from the Sabbath School."

Kingston—Fair Street. "As indicated by the statistical columns, the year that has closed was one of some degree of growth and prosperity. The services of the Sanctuary have been regularly and well sustained. The interest in the prayer meetings has increased, as shown by the very much larger attendance on them. During the year a Young People's meeting and a Young Men's prayer meeting have been inaugurated. The Sabbath School is in a prosperous condition. While we have much for which to be thankful, it has not been unbroken sunshine with us. Death has come closer to us, and made greater inroads upon us, than for many

years before. One was an active elder. We mourn their departure, having the assurance that what is loss to us has proved gain to them."

Krumville. "The Consistory, on account of arrearages in salary, closed the Sanctuary for a time; service has been resumed."

Lyonsville. Nothing beside tabular statement.

Marbletown. "A commendable activity has characterized Church work since the consummation of the relation between the present pastor and this church, which is a cause for hopefulness. The burden which rests upon the hearts of the pastor and people is for *prosperity*, temporal and spiritual, and we realize that this burden must be removed by earnest and faithful efforts in all departments of church work. The Sabbath services have been regularly maintained during the year. The weekly prayer meeting and lecture were discontinued during the period there was no settled pastor, but were resumed when that want was supplied, and have been well attended. Our contributions for religious and benevolent purposes exceed those for many years past. The interest in the cause of missions is worthy of mention."

Marbletown—North Church. "There has been no special spiritual interest manifested. The customary Sabbath services have been maintained. The Sabbath School was continued through the winter for the first time, and with gratifying results. The prayer of the pastor and people is that the Lord's Kingdom may be advanced in this portion of His vineyard."

New Paltz. "Our church has been without a pastor since the 14th of Feb., when Rev. Ame Vennema left us to take charge of the 2d Reformed Church, Kalamazoo, Mich., but our church has been supplied with preaching service every Sabbath. We are happy to report that we expect to have another pastor settled over us soon, to go in and out before us, and break to us the Bread of Life."

Rochester. "We find great cause for gratitude for the Divine blessing on Church life and work. The attendance

on the Sabbath services is on the increase, and we see new faces in our prayer meetings. During the months of January and February God's presence was manifested in the outpouring of His Spirit. Meetings were held nightly for about five weeks. About thirty professed conversion, but some have not yet united with the church."

Rosendale. The attendance upon the services of the church is enlarging and the prayer meeting is well sustained. An increased interest in the preached Word is observed in the solemnity and attention of the worshippers. There is a willingness on the part of all to engage in congregational activities. A Young People's Association has been formed for the advancement of church interests. Since our last report a hall has been erected in the rear of the church for the benefit of the Sunday School and for temperance work, as well as for weekly religious and social gatherings,

St. Remy reports that during the past year the Lord has graciously visited his people and given evidence of His Saving Presence. The good work commenced in our prayer meeting, and was more fully manifested during the Week of Prayer, and numbers came out on the Lord's side. At our last communion eight joined the church on confession of faith and four by certificate, and others are asking after the way of Life. We bless God and take courage.

The following ministerial changes have occurred during the year : The pastoral relation existing between Rev. Bastian Smith and the church of Marbletown was dissolved June 18, 1885, and at his request he was dismissed to the Classis of Michigan. Rev. John N. Harris was dismissed September 12, 1885 to the Classis of Bergen. The Rev. Ame Vennema was released February 2, 1886, from the pastoral care of the New Paltz church, and dismissed to the Classis of Grand River. The Rev. Wm. W. Schomp was received December 8, 1885, from the Classis of Poughkeepsie, and installed over the Church of Marbletown at Stone Ridge.

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. WYCKOFF, *Chairman.*

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

Your Committee have received reports from all the churches excepting East Williamsburg. These reports with two exceptions speak encouragingly of the work. No special spiritual interest has been experienced in the churches, save in the Church of Flushing. The statistical table shows a falling off from last year in the footings of most of the columns. There are reported twenty-five less families than last year, thirty-one less communicants, and $754.70 less in the amount contributed for religious and benevolent purposes. For congregational purposes the sum for this year exceeds that of last year by $2,941.72.

Jamaica reports that church work and services have been regularly carried on, with increased attendance upon the Sabbath. While there has been no unusual interest in spiritual things, yet some souls have been added to the church, and God's people have grown in grace. They have united with their brethren of the Presbyterian and Methodist churches in a series of Sabbath afternoon services in the Town Hall, which have been largely attended, and it is hoped much good has been done, as persons have been reached and accustomed to attend church. The church has prospered in temporal matters. The Sabbath Schools have increased in number and usefulness.

Newtown acknowledges and records with thankfulness the mercies of God. It reports that the attendance upon the services of the Sanctuary has been somewhat better than during the preceding year, and that the Word preached has, by the power of the Holy Ghost, been effectual upon the souls of some. Five have been added to the church on confession, and five by certificate. The contributions for Mission purposes have been larger than for several years. The Woman's Auxiliary and the Sabbath School Missionary Society have aided in increasing the total amount. The Sabbath Schools are reported as having continued in earnest and successful work.

Oyster Bay adds to the statistical report the following: "We have had a year of average success in our church life

and work, and are able to report a prospect of continued prosperity."

North Hempstead reports "some progress along the whole line, that harmony prevails, and attendance on services of the church has been good."

Williamsburg reports gratefully "a steady growth in numbers, and the continued evidence of divine favor. The accessions to the congregation have been of a character permanently to strengthen us in every department, material upon which we may depend for our future work. * * * Every communion season has brought to us accessions from the world, the Sabbath School always furnishing its proportion in testimony of faithful teaching and personal address."

Astoria has settled a new pastor, Wm. Stockton Cranmer, and sends an encouraging report. The church was left in a good condition by the previous pastor, and has continued to prosper. While there has been no revival, yet there have been additions to the church at all of the three communions since the pastor took charge. Signs of growth are shown by "an increasing interest in spiritual things, a large attendance upon the services, a corresponding activity in Christian work, and the spirit of Christian harmony prevailing." The regular organizations of the church are thriving. A church Union has been formed, having for its object the promotion of Christian fellowship. The list of communicants has been revised, thirty-two names having been placed upon the reserved list, which will account for the reduction in the statistical table under the head of "Total Now in Communion."

Flushing sends good tidings. The report says: "The season just passed has been marked by an unusual degree of religious interest, but chiefly among Christians. Meetings were held continuously for five weeks, and God's people seemed stirred to new activity and zeal for souls. Eight joined us on confession at the last communion, and more are expected at the next. Our young people have organized a "Society of Christian Endeavor," which already numbers forty members, and has developed a quickened life among them. The Sabbath School was never more flourishing."

Greenpoint reports: "The ordinances have been regularly administered, the congregations have been good, harmony has prevailed, and our Sunday Schools have been prosperous." Regret is expressed for the loss by removal of some of the most valued families, among them those of three of their eldest and highly esteemed elders.

South Bushwick presents a report full of good things. So the pastor says. They have many reasons for thankfulness. The church improvements were finished during the year, and they now have an audience room capable of seating one thousand persons. Their expenditure, nearly $10,000.00, has left them much in debt, but arrangements are nearly completed which will pay this debt all off in three years. During the year the membership, congregation and Sabbath School have continuously increased. The latter has 850 on its roll, of which probably over two hundred are young men and women, nearly seventy-five being in the Pastor's Bible class. Surely this Sabbath School has to some extent solved the problem, "How to keep young men and women in the school." In spiritual matters, while there has not been the activity desired yet, the year has not been a discouraging one, thirteen members have been added on confession and thirty-five on certificate.

Second Astoria reports meetings well attended, and although they have not had large additions to their numbers, yet they have reason for thankfulness for progress. The church is gaining strength every year. The Sunday School and the Parochial School are in a flourishing condition. The Sunday School needs more room. As soon as their means allow, an addition will be made to their present building. One thousand two hundred dollars have already been raised for the object.

East Williamsburg. No report.

Queens says: "The past year has not been one which shows a very large increase in any direction. The seed has been sown, but God has not been pleased to grant us a large visible increase. Perhaps our great strength gained this past year has been that of being able to sit still and wait for cer-

tain events to come and go and thus ripen the precious fruit for Christ's great storehouse. The hope is expressed that another year will bear the tidings to Classis of a larger result in every direction.

German Evangelical, Brooklyn, trusts they have grown in grace, since they have grown so little in numbers. Fourteen have been received into the communion of the church. The services have been well attended and the Sabbath Schools have prospered. The Parochial School, which was much prostrated by the removal of the former teacher, is beginning to pick up again under the able management of their present competent teacher. It is to be regretted that the pastor, on account of ill health, feels obliged to resign the charge, to which he has given nearly twenty years of his life, and in which he has been so remarkably successful.

Sayville reports, "Our trials still continue. After fourteen years service it is now plain that pastor and congregation can no longer agree. The coming of the President of the Classis on April 13th directed matters in a favorable channel so that the congregation may still have a future."

Locust Valley says, "The condition of affairs in our church is tersely told in the statistical report. We have exerted ourselves in one direction, and have consequently fallen in others. There were good reasons for such a course apparently, but the result has proved that there were better reasons against it. We expect to adopt different methods, and report better results another year."

College Point refers to the removal of several of their number to other places of residence. The report of contributions shows a decrease in the amount, but in view of the withdrawal of families the figures mark a decided advance in Christian liberality. The church's proportion for Foreign Missions has been exceeded by $10.00. The usual services have been maintained throughout the year. These included, besides the Sunday services, a service in German on Wednesday evening, Bible Lectures in English on Friday evening, Catechumen class on Saturday evening, and a Missionary

Agent's Meeting on the second Tuesday evening of each month.

First Long Island City reports a steady and wholesome growth in Christian life, labor and liberality. The Sabbath services and weekly prayer meeting have been well attended. A large proportion of the attendants has consisted of young people, who, by present interest, give promise of future helpfulness to the church. Fourteen have been added to the membership of the church. The Sabbath School has done well, especially in the line of missionary effort.

Bushwick simply adds to the statistical report the following: "Owing to the rapid change in population of this part of the city, many of our most faithful members have moved away, and others will follow their example."

German Evangelical, Jamaica, has had a change of pastor during the year. Rev. Henry Frech resigned in October, 1885, and Rev. Franz Hartig took the charge in February, 1886. The new pastor has not had time to know much about his church, but says: "It seems to be a promising field."

Jericho is supplied by the pastor of Hicksville. Services have been held once every Sabbath. A course of lectures was delivered for the main purpose to show practically the difference between religion and unbelief. For a year at least Jericho has had no infidel lectures. It will take time before much can be accomplished in this field.

Hicksville reports constant growth. Sabbath morning services are well attended, and whenever there is preaching in the evening about a hundred young people attend. A Bible class and a prayer meeting have been well sustained every week and considerable interest manifested. A preaching station was opened at Westbury, where a Sabbath service and weekly prayer meeting have been held, and the Spirit's presence has been often manifested. The growth of the church is slow but sure.

Ministerial Changes. Rev. Alexander Shaw was installed pastor of the 1st Reformed Church of Long Island City, May

14, 1885. The licentiate, Wm. S. Cranmer, was received from the South Classis of Bergen, June 22, 1885, and was ordained and installed pastor of the Reformed Church, Astoria, June 25, 1885. The pastoral relation between the Rev. Henry Frech and the German Evangelical Church, Jamaica, was dissolved October 31, 1885, and he was dismissed to the Classis of Cayuga. The Rev. Franz Hartig was received from the Presbytery of Morris and Orange, and installed pastor of the German Evangelical Church, Jamaica, January 27, 1886.

Deaths. Rev. J. B. Alliger died June 13, 1885. Rev. John Wenisch died August 1, 1885. Rev. Jefferson Wynkoop died August 21, 1885.*

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. DE HART, *Chairman.*

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

The Committee on the State of Religion respectfully submit the following report :

The reports to Classis sent in by the Consistories of the several churches reveal a condition of things that should constrain us to thankfulness. A number of the churches have been visited by marked evidences of God's blessing. Souls have been converted and Christians steadily built up in all of them. In the midst of a world lying in wickedness the beauty and morality of Gospel lives have been made manifest, to the confusion of the evil one and the encouragement of those striving after the better and seeking to suppress sin. In the face of a blatant and arrogant infidelity, ever more bitterly aggressive, ever more insolently assuming to have upset the Bible, banished faith, undermined the foundations of all religion—souls have come to sit down in simplicity and childlikeness at the feet of Jesus, and in great numbers have been brought to confess that they needed God, needed faith, needed the Bible, and found all their needs more than supplied by Christ and the Church of His appointing. This is

* Classis has taken appropriate action with reference to the deceased brethren.

the lesson of the outpourings of God's Spirit, not only within the bounds of our own Classis, but throughout our Church and throughout the churches of our land.

We would not convey the impression that from every Consistory reports of signal progress or numerous accessions have come. But one key has been struck by many—the ringing key of hope. The shortest report of all is not too brief to echo the prevailing sentiment, and tells of hope when it tells of nothing else.

An event of great interest to the entire Classis was the organization of a new church in a part of Brooklyn that is to arrest and hold the tide of removal from down-town districts. Churches in the latter localities complain of suffering from these removals. It was to save to the denomination those thus drifting away from old denominational centres that this new enterprise was started. Success has smiled with no equivocal favors upon the effort. It remains with Classis to say whether we shall have a new denominational centre in this hopeful spot or not. Incidentally it suggests the practical query whether it will not be wise to multiply such new centres in Brooklyn as the old ones lose this character.

We presume to detain you no longer with mere general reflections or speculations, but submit at once for your information and to your judgment, what is actually reported by the respective Consistories.

Brooklyn remarks: "We have no special spiritual interest to report. The congregations on pleasant Sabbaths have been very large, and the weekly meetings have been well attended. The most important event in the last year is the sale of the church property, possession of which is to be given in the early part of May."

Flatbush appears with a report of extraordinary length, confirming the truth that "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." We are compelled to condense it, but trust to do so without injustice. The report begins with a reference to the large addition to the membership of the preceding year, and gives evidence of the permanence of that good work in the increased earnestness and diligence of the pursuit of Bible study, and the study of Church duties. "It is scarcely necessary to say," the report pertinently observes,

"that the Word has been faithfully preached; but we may say that it has been so preached with unusual vigor and earnestness." As a result, and by God's blessing, the church is enabled to record another gratifying number of accessions this year, many of whom were from the Sunday School. Not satisfied that this venerable Zion should overshadow with its benefits those having a claim thereto more particularly by reason of blood and ancestry, special efforts have been made to reach out into a wider circle of usefulness, and attract non-church goers of all grades and conditions. Thus the congregations have been largely increased, and much good is anticipated. The work at the Mission is reported as yielding fruitage to the Lord. "The school is increasing in numbers, and sixty-three families are represented by the children who attend; this certainly gives promise of a flourishing church in this location, at no distant day." The report concludes as follows: "Death has visited our homes, and the aged and the young, and the middle-aged, too, have been taken from us, to their reward on high; we would learn our lesson here also, and by these dispensations be stimulated to work 'while the day lasts, for the night cometh, when no man can work.'"

New Utrecht reports "that a fair degree of prosperity has under the divine favor been enjoyed through another year. Stated services and extra appointments have been attended with good will. The influences of the Holy Spirit have brought several persons to a public profession of Christ, and into the full communion of the church; and, we believe, constrained a number, especially among the young, to inquire for the way of life. In some departments of religious effort, more than usual interest has been manifested; and in this connection it is pleasant to state that the 'missionary spirit' deepens with our people, and that their gifts to extend the Redeemer's Kingdom are larger than ever before, and have been offered with increased heartiness."

Gravesend with humble thanksgiving reports: "In looking over our experience for the past fifteen years we find that God has visited our church with many special and delightful seasons of refreshing from His presence; but the spiritual blessings of the past four months have been greater, in some respects, than we have ever before experienced. The activity

awakened, and the higher degree of spiritual life attained by many, is something for which we feel truly thankful. The work has not been confined to the simple revival of God's people. Many sinners have been awakened and led to inquire after their spiritual interests." Those that recently united on confession "have taken hold of the church work with a zeal truly commendable." Special meetings are still held, with large attendance. "The outlook is exceedingly hopeful."

Flatlands reports "a year of quiet work. Peace reigns, and all the efforts of the pastor have been heartily seconded by the people. The Gospel has been preached to attentive hearers. The prayer meetings have been well sustained. The Sunday Schools are prosperous. The amount given to benevolence has slightly increased. Following the Week of Prayer special services were maintained for three weeks, and although the ingathering from the world was not as we had anticipated, yet the church was awakened as never before during the present pastorate. This church has had a great loss by the death of two of its members; the one was called home after years of suffering; the other, an active elder, was taken away in the midst of his usefulness. The result of the year is encouraging, and for it we thank God, and pray for greater spiritual blessings in the future."

New Lots informs Classis that it "has enjoyed another year of God's favor. We cannot report any special work of grace among us. Our growth as a church seems to be steady rather than spasmodic. All the branches of church work have been supported with a good degree of spiritual interest. The reaper, Death, has deprived us of a number of our most valued members. We have reason to be hopeful for the future."

East New York rejoices in another year of undisturbed and delightful unity and harmony among the people. The congregation have been interested in the preached Gospel, but no visible or tangible evidences of its power have been vouchsafed in the way of numerous conversions. There is some discouragement discoverable in the report, on account of small attendance at the Sabbath evening services; the prayer meeting, too, suffers principally through the lack of those who take part. But benevolence is nobly attended to, and the Sunday School flourishes.

South Brooklyn reports that "while the additions to our membership are not so numerous as last year, yet the evidences of a continuous and healthful growth are not wanting." Great encouragement is occasioned by a steadily growing attendance at church, Sunday School and weekly prayer meeting. "The congregation has increased its gifts to benevolent objects by $126, and to its own support by $288," as compared with last year, a very satisfactory feature especially since the growth of the church is largely "among the young and others of moderate means." "The population of the neighborhood is increasing far more rapidly than ever before;" affording ground for "the hope of far more speedy emancipation from financial burdens than we could have dared to expect a year ago. The general spirit of personal piety, and loyalty to the Church and her work which prevails in our congregation is also a cheering index of future usefulness and prosperity, for the realization of which we would earnestly desire the prayers, the sympathy, and the still needed assistance of our sister churches of the Classis."

The Middle Church, Brooklyn, reports: "Our church has many obstacles to contend with, the main one being its situation. Influential families are constantly removing. The work of the year, however, has been greatly blessed. A marked spirituality is conspicuous among the membership. Services are well attended; the Sabbath School is growing. A prayer meeting is held at the close of each session with excellent attendance and results. God is showing that the work of our Church is *His.*"

Twelfth Street tersely remarks: "The past year has been one of steady and successful work; we thankfully note progress. The Lord has blessed the ordinary means of grace. The religious services have been uniformly and largely attended. A good spirit prevails. The church is in a prosperous condition and the future is full of hope."

The *North Church* simply states: "The future looks hopeful." But we recognize at once the Spartan grit back of that laconic assertion; and if the people and pastor feel hopeful, surely the remainder of Classis may safely indulge confident expectations of success for this noble old Zion,

which has been so sorely pressed and deeply wronged in the past. May God forget that past, and continue to brighten the coming days and years with the smiles of his peculiar favor and special blessing.

The *Church-on-the-Heights*, commenting on its Statistical report, observes: "Two items call for special remark. For the first time in many years, and never before so thoroughly, our roll of membership has been revised. This shows an apparent decrease of about 35 per cent. That this is only apparent and not actual, however, is manifest from the fact that the difference between additions and losses since 1880 shows a net gain of 33 members. This increase is not large, and yet it is significant and encouraging when it is remembered that in Brooklyn the tide of church-going population flows more and more strongly each year from the Heights, outward. Several families have been added to the home-church since our last report, and at Bethany Chapel, the most acceptable ministry of Dr. Alexander R. Thompson has nearly doubled the number of families in regular attendance upon the Sabbath services. In respect to benevolence, the aggregate of this year exceeds that of any other since 1876; the larger contributions to Missionary Boards are especially noteworthy: that to the Home Board being the largest in nine years, and that to the Foreign Board the largest in twelve years, and fifty dollars in excess of the Classical apportionment for the present year. * * * On the whole, there is much that is hopeful in the outlook of the home-church, and progress and prospects at Bethany were never more assuring."

New Brooklyn says: "With gratitude to God we state here the facts that gladden our hearts. In all the departments of Church work and organization there is progress, enthusiasm and unity. The morning service is very well attended and the Sunday School is flourishing. The prayer meeting has taken a new start upward since the Week of Prayer. Old and young take an active part in the exercises. May our risen Redeemer continue to smile upon us."

Bedford reports that "the past year has been one that shall be long remembered" by them. "It notes a year of the very hardest kind of work and sacrifice. We have endeavored to

get along without the aid of the Board of Domestic Missions, and we have found the task not an easy one. Financially the year has been a success. We have made considerable progress this year, and the heavy burden of debt is growing beautifully less. We still need all of the aid and the support that Classis has the power to give us. Spiritually our church has been abundantly blessed. Three weeks of Gospel meetings were instrumental in doing a vast amount of good. Thankful for what we have received, we look forward to the future with hope and expectation."

Second Flatbush sends no report.

Canarsie "gratefully acknowledges the continued blessing of the Head of the Church in abundant peace and prosperity. The history of the year is like that of many recent years; no special outpouring of the Holy Spirit in revival and ingathering power, but ample evidence of His presence in some godly lives and in our slowly increasing number. Our Sabbath School is at present in a very prosperous condition. Our Ladies' Society is with an untiring zeal carrying on a very efficient work, and is also a strong support to our Consistory in matters of finance."

St. Thomas, West Indies, sends a report of great fullness. It mentions unhappy results from a prolonged compulsory absence of the pastor. Some of the people became careless; yet the Sabbath School was held as usual. The financial condition of the church is not quite what it was a few years ago, although a new plan of raising money—by monthly contributions—met with encouraging results. Changes and improvements have been made in the church edifice. The attendance remains about the same as formerly reported. Several old members have been lost by death, among them two elders and firm supporters of the church. "Our field of work here," continues the report, "is very trying. The standard of Christian character and activity is very low, while outspoken infidelity, or total disregard of church-going and of the Sabbath sanctity, characterize many leading families. Profanity and obscenity are painfully prevalent. Yet we know some blessed instances of the power of the Gospel to elevate and save men. We ask your sympathy and prayers.

This church has long labored to maintain a Scriptural faith and a truly Christian example amid all darkness. In all this we shall still hope for the blessing of God."

The *Ocean Hill Church*, organized not quite six months ago, reports : "We have now but to record the beginnings of what our faith compasses of the mighty future. Every step we have taken in laying the foundation of this church has been in the face of obstacles. Our immediate imperative need is a church building. This secured, our success as an organization is assured, and this Classis will soon have reason to rejoice that it conceived and fostered the idea of Church extension in this part of Brooklyn. Our Sunday School grew very rapidly, and latterly has been solidifying into a more permanent membership. Our regular Sabbath evening audiences have been gradually increasing, and they never were better than at the present time, and the large majority of worshippers now are those who have become regular attendants. New families are constantly being added, so that never were our prospects brighter or our hopes more sanguine. We have laid the foundation of our work in faith and prayer, the Spirit has been vouchsafed, and at each Communion we have had the seals thereof in the conversion of souls."

The ministerial changes that have taken place in our Classis are as follows : The Rev. Ransford Wells, D.D., was received from the Classis of Monmouth ; the Rev. William D. Perry, from the Classis of Hudson, being installed pastor of the North Church on January 13, 1886. The Rev. Jacob Whitehurst, conducting the Bethany Chapel Mission, was given a certificate of good standing to a Baptist Association. The Rev. M. G. Hansen was received from the Classis of Greene, and the Rev. A. M. Quick, pastor-elect of Ocean Hill Church, from the Classis of Westchester.

Respectfully submitted,

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CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

In submitting this statement of the condition and work of our churches during the past year there are many causes for gratitude and some for regret. Among the former is the

presence of the Holy Spirit in his converting and sanctifying power in all or nearly all our congregations, and in some of them in a marked degree. The fact that so many of the pastors have been spared to labor another year in the Master's vineyard—that one whose health was at one time despaired of has been restored and sustained in his active and arduous duties through the greater part of the year, our brother Dr. Ormiston; that a large and beautiful church edifice in a most promising section of our city, "The Bloomingdale Church," was dedicated to God during the year, and already has had the seal of the divine approval set upon it; that a similar church of equal promise, the "Second Reformed Church of Harlem," is nearing completion and will (D. V.) be dedicated this fall; that a Sunday School Mission Chapel has been organized into a church of our order at Fifty-fourth street and Seventh avenue, "Grace Reformed Church," with a most hopeful future before it—these lengthening the cords and strengthening the stakes show signs of life and vigor in our church, and are among the causes of our gratitude. That our grand old historic church, with its noble record of loyalty to Christ and his teaching, with its opportunities and facilities for extending His kingdom, has not done more we deeply regret. A few selections of figures from the reports of the Consistories show the following, namely: the number of families reported last year was 3,003; this year 3,061. Gain 58. Added on confession last year 566; this year 479. Loss 87, which is offset by a gain of 84 in the additions by certificate. The total in communion as appears from the reports is 6,931 against 6,849 last year. Gain 82. Sunday School total enrollment is 9,522 against 9,155. Gain 367. The amount of benevolent contributions is $45,652.72 against $47,190.69 last year, a falling off of $1,537.97. The churches contributing to all the Boards are the following, viz: German Evangelical, Yorkville, German, Norfolk Street, Brighton Heights, Prospect Hill, Fourth German Reformed. Union High Bridge, German Evangelical, New York Madison Avenue, Port Richmond, South, and Harlem, all but one, owing to the church being closed for repairs. Each church speaks gratefully of the past and hopefully of the future, as the following extracts from their Consistorial reports indicate:

The *Collegiate* reports the following, namely: The regular order of church life and work has gone steadily forward during the year. The special services appointed by Classis were held during the months of January, February and March in all our churches and chapels, with the exception of the North Church Chapel. An earnest effort was made to produce by means of them an impression, not only upon our own congregations, but also upon the surrounding community. In this we were not wholly disappointed. The services which were held nearly every day for a fortnight (and in one instance for three weeks) in each of our places of worship were in the main well attended, the spiritual life of Christians was quickened and a considerable number of persons were brought to the open confession of Christ. The number of additions to the church is smaller, and the number of dismissions much larger than the number reported last year, but this is due in part to a fact which is to us a cause of rejoicing; *i. e.*, the organization of the chapel at Fifty-fourth street and Seventh avenue into an independent church under the name of Grace Reformed Church. This was effected in the month of November, 1885, and while it withdrew from membership in the Collegiate Church 99 out of the 154 persons reported as dismissed, and cut off a fruitful branch from the ancient tree, it added a hopeful and promising church to the Classis and fulfilled the desire of those who started it as a Mission Sunday School twenty years ago. The sad and continuing illness of the Rev. Abraham Thompson, who has so efficiently served the Knox Memorial Chapel, has deprived that important enterprise during the greater part of the year of the labors of a resident pastor. With deep sympathy for him and his family in their affliction and the grateful recognition of his devotion and usefulness in past years, the Consistory are taking active steps to obtain for the position from which he has been, in the providence of God, set aside, a pastor who may carry on the work with equal vigor and success.

The *De Witt Chapel* is at present without a pastor, but there is the prospect that this post also will soon be filled. The preaching services at the North Church Chapel have been discontinued on account of the small and diminishing attendance. The Sunday School and the noon day prayer meeting are still maintained.

The *Harlem Church*, is grateful for continued prosperity. All the regular services of the church have been largely attended throughout the year and greatly enjoyed by the *people*. There has been no special awakening at any one time, but the continued presence of the "still small voice," has been manifest in calling into the Kingdom, almost at every service, one, two, or more of the *hearers* who have become *doers* of the Word. The number of the year's services was shortened by the closing of the church three months of the summer for repairs, yet of the eighty-nine new members added, we have reason to believe fifty-six of them added on confession were hopefully converted as a result of these services. The Ladies' Aid Society has rendered valuable services to the church at home and abroad.

The *Second Reformed Church* building, chapel and parsonage at 123d street and Sixth avenue are nearing completion, and the enterprise gives great promise of usefulness in the near future.

The *South Church*, while nothing startling has occurred, reports steady increase in the attendance upon the ministrations of the Gospel and earnest prayer for larger additions to its membership.

Manor Chapel reports a net gain of twelve members for the year.

The *Staten Island Church* records a year of prosperity in every department of work. The public services have been maintained and have been largely attended generally. In the prayer meetings and two Sabbath Schools the average attendance has increased considerably. During the year a new chapel has been erected at Mariners' Harbor, and already a greater interest is manifest in that portion of the congregation residing there. There has been an increase over last year in the number of accessions to our membership. Good feeling extends throughout the congregation, and an earnest purpose to look after the various interests of the church is apparent.

Bloomingdale Church "has profound reason for gratitude to God. Since our last report we have erected a new edifice which is by common acknowledgment one of the most beau-

tiful and completely equipped in the city. Our congregations have increased five or six fold. The pews are largely taken and the demand for them is constant. The Sunday School is thoroughly organized, has an able superintendent and a devoted corps of intelligent teachers, and an enrollment three-fold larger than a year ago. Our prayer meeting held on Wednesday evenings, has shared markedly in the growth and added interest incident to our change of situation. And God's favor has been manifested in the conversion of souls. Twenty, less one, added to our communion at the first Lord's Supper, in the new building, December, '85, and eleven at the celebration in March last. Our benevolence is receiving more attention. We have organized our work with prayerful care and with an endeavor to put it upon an aggressive basis. The special religious services recommended by Classis were held by us, and with good results."

The *Madison Avenue Church*, while experiencing no marked outpouring of the Holy Spirit, yet rejoices in the fact that there has been no communion but has witnessed the confession of some new convert to Christ, that the benevolence of the church has never been exceeded since the church moved up town, and that good work is being done in the Sabbath Schools.

The *Thirty-Fourth Street Church*, says: "The year has been an encouraging one. Services have been generally well attended both Sabbath and week evening. Special services were much enjoyed. The twenty-fifth anniversary of the dedication of the church building was observed on the first Sabbath of March, with profit. The free pew and envelope system has been in operation since the first of November with hopeful results, and in every way the church is on a better financial basis than formerly. The dismissions and deaths have exceeded the accessions to the membership, but the dismissions have been in great part of those who have been some time absent. The active membership has really increased. There has been an increase too in the Sabbath School."

The German Evangelical Church of New York City reports thus: "The spiritual condition of our church is such that we have very little cause for rejoicing. In years past we

comforted ourselves with the thought that we succeeded in holding our own, but of late we are forced to confess that such is no longer the case. We have met with heavy losses by death and removals. We lament the loss of quite a number of our oldest and best members by death and we have very little prospect of seeing their places filled by outsiders. Churchliness seems to be on the decline year by year. Spring and Summer lures young and old to the places of amusement in the open air, and Fall and Winter to the concert halls, ball rooms and theatres. There is no holding them, they will drift away from the house of the living God, into the temples of the God of this world. Many would like to serve both, and when they are told that that is impossible they choose to serve the latter. Under such circumstances we cannot reasonably expect an increase of members, and thus our membership is thinning out more and more. We are not desponding, however, but have taken new courage and have resolved to adopt new methods and measures in reaching the unchurchly masses. We are just now in search of a competent missionary, who is to go from house to house to distribute religious reading and invite the people to church. In benevolence we have done our share. The contributions to our several Boards surpass those of former years."

The Church of Huguenot, Staten Island, reports: "That the church services and ordinances have been maintained throughout the past year. Also a weekly prayer meeting has been held. Ordained ministers, and Mr. J. Laubenheimer, of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, have supplied our pulpit to the entire satisfaction of our people. With great sorrow we report the death of our beloved elder, Benjamin P. Prall, who has been elder continuously; elected through the thirty-seven years of our church's existence. His name is well known to this Classis as a delegate. On last Sabbath a new Consistory was installed; the communion administered by Rev. A. H. Demarest, of Port Richmond. At this service one from our Sunday School was added on profession of faith. All of our Sunday School recite the Heidelberg Catechism. We have a nice church building in good repair and several acres of land attached to it, finely located and free from debt. Our congregation numbers about one hundred. Our church is in the midst of a com-

munity where preaching of the Gospel is greatly needed. We are ten miles from a Reformed Church, and over one mile from any church. Our members are deeply interested in the welfare of the church, but have not sufficient ability to fully pay for the preaching of the Word. Therefore we respectfully request the Classis to recommend our church to the Board of Domestic Missions for a continuation of aid as the Board may deem proper."

St. Paul's, Mott Haven, speaks cheerfully of the past year thus: "Thankfully acknowledging the goodness of God, we can truly say our condition as a church during the past year has been one of substantial prosperity. Quite large accessions have been made on confession, and although the floating character of our population causes much of the gathered fruit to be scattered, we are content as long as it all goes to swell the general harvest. With the opening year God graciously granted us a spiritual refreshing, and the future is hopeful."

Union Church, High Bridge, says: "The church has had a prosperous year. Forty-two new names have been added to the membership. Many residents, formerly non-church goers, are now regular attendants upon Divine worship. Increased interest has been shown in spiritual matters. Extra services held during the winter have resulted in conversions among the impenitent, and awakening among the regular membership is manifested by greater interest and fervor in the prayer meeting and church work generally. An extra weekly prayer meeting has been established.

Two missionary societies hold regular meetings. The temporal prosperity of the church has also increased, the contributions to benevolent objects being larger than ever before. We are greatly encouraged, and hopeful and thankful to God for his favor."

The Fourth German reports: "The past year has manifested to us the faithfulness of our Covenant God. His presence has been felt in the various services of the church, and the power of His Spirit has shown itself in the conversion of souls to Christ, and in a deepening of a sense of entire devotedness to the Saviour and his work in the hearts of the members of the congregation. In the Sabbath School a

greater interest for the cause of missions has been awakened. The relation between minister and people is harmonious. We have every reason to rejoice and to be thankful to the Lord."

Prospect Hill's extended report has, among many other good things, the following causes of thankfulness—that "God has graciously permitted us to meet statedly in the Sanctuary on each Lord's day, for his worship and the hearing of the Word, with none to make us afraid. Our senior pastor has been able from time to time to render his valued and gratuitous ministerial services, and has been permitted to address us on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of his pastorate among us. Our associate pastor has likewise been privileged to continue his valued and earnest labors, and also to address us on the occasion of his third anniversary of his pastorate. We are also called upon to thank the Rev. Wm. W. Clark, of Staten Island, and the Rev. Dr. Easton, of New Brunswick, N. J., for the very kind and gratuitous labors of those ministerial brethren, in earnestly, lovingly and solemnly addressing us in the name of the Lord, during the two weeks of our evangelistic services. We bless our dear Lord for the reviving influences which have been experienced, and for any souls that may have been led to seek Christ as Saviour and King. Our weekly congregational prayer meetings have been attended with the comforting and refreshing influence of the Holy Spirit." The church mourns the loss of three valued members.

Avenue B, German, reports prosperity in the temporal and spiritual interests of the church. "The Divine blessing for another year has clearly accompanied our faith and labor, and God is still adding to our church those who will share with us our faith and labor to bring souls to Christ."

Brighton Heights sends us the following: "Our church was never in a better conditition than it is to-day, both materially and spiritually. For the last year our offerings for missions and other religious purposes have been double that of previous years. This is owing to a more systematic method of collecting and to an increased interest in the heart of the people. During the winter special evangelistic services have been held, resulting in the spiritual quickening of many

Christians and in the conversion of sinners, with more to follow, as we have reason to believe. The pastor has also labored extensively in other fields with gratifying results."

The *Sixth Avenue Union Church* "rejoices in the preserving goodness and grace of God. It has sustained a daily prayer meeting for two years. It has celebrated its first Chinese Sabbath School anniversary with an attendance of one hundred Chinamen enrolled on its books and a regular Sabbath morning average of thirty. The inheritance of the forefathers' persistence in clinging to the Church of God under affliction is its chief occasion of thankfulness."

The German Norfolk Street Church reports prosperity in temporal and spiritual matters the last year. The Sabbath morning and weekly evening services are well attended. Twenty-eight members were added on confession. Collections were taken for all the Boards. In October a Young People's Association of forty members was organized for active Christian work.

German Evangelical Church of Yorkville has held regular Sabbath services throughout the year with large attendance, often crowding the hall. Seventeen new members have been added, and "while only 54 persons took part in communion last year, 113 have come to the table of the Lord this year."

The Holland Church of N. Y. sincerely thanks the Committee of Classis for adjusting its difficulties. "Peace is now fully restored in our church, and we are at present in a hopeful spiritual condition."

The Church at Kreischerville states that as the church did not become self-sustaining during the year it was not possible to donate anything to the Boards.

Grace Church, New York, was organized Nov. 10, 1885, consequently its report is for six months only. Until its organization the church was known as the Seventh Avenue Collegiate Chapel. At present it is mainly supported by the Society for Christian Work of the Forty-eighth Collegiate Church. Its growth is constant and encouraging. Fifteen have been added to its communion during the past four months."

We append the following items of interest :

Grace Mission Chapel organized by Classis into a church and Rev. Joseph Duryee installed its pastor Nov. 10, 1885.

Mr. Lewis R. Scudder received into Classis from the Hartford Union Association.

The church at Brookfield, Conn., was dissolved for reasons satisfactory to Classis.

The name of Charles Jameson was dropped from the roll of the Reformed Church in accordance with Art. II., Section 13, of the Constitution.

Rev. G. A. T. Goebel was installed pastor of the German Evangelical Reformed Church at Yorkville.

Respectfully submitted,

G. H. SMYTH, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.

The Committee on the State of Religion are privileged to report a year of peace and prosperity in our Classis. Most of our churches are flourishing, the weak ones are of good courage, and all are hopeful. Several churches have been specially blessed with seasons of revival and ingathering, and gratefully acknowledge the Holy Spirit's gracious power. A comparison of the statistics with those of last year shows a slight increase in the amount raised for congregational purposes, slight increase also in the contributions for religious and benevolent purposes, and that the number of communicants received on confession of their faith is more than double that of last year. We will now let each church speak for herself.

Berea has made progress in material and social lines, rejoices in tokens of converting grace, and in an encouraging interest in the Truth, and notes a healthful and unusual degree of interest occasioned by the preaching of illustrated sermons.

Bloomingburgh has recently lost her pastor by death, and makes no special report, closing her year in the silence of sorrow.

Callicoon speaks of a flourishing Sunday School, of her joy in having a good pastor, of her gratitude to Classis for needed help, of a benevolent contribution from her deep poverty, and of a spiritual condition progressing in hope and the peace of the Gospel.

Grahamsville, together with Claraville and Unionville, have secured a pastor, and again rejoice in the regular ministrations of the Word, and unite in saying "the future looks cheerful."

Cuddebackville rejoices that much interest is manifested in the regular services, that at each communion season some have united with the church, and that the outlook for the coming year is very encouraging,

Deer Park was rejoicing in ample provision made for the removal of their church debt when the winds of heaven did great damage to their house of worship. They are now addressing themselves with good courage to repair their loss. In spiritual things, while Christians manifest an excellent spirit, the impenitent are not reached. The church feels the fault must be in her, and prays God for grace to turn from their hearts that which stands in the way of a gracious visitation from heaven. Her statistics show that she has won some precious souls from the world.

Ellenville says she has been like Mary, the Virgin, in this, that "the Holy Ghost has come upon her and the power of the Highest has overshadowed her." So she sings the song of Mary, "My soul doth magnify the Lord." The occasion of this deep joy is seen in the Statistical table, where she records that fifty-four (54) members were received on confession of their faith.

Fallsburgh speaks of abundant pastoral labor richly blessed to many souls, and of the ordinary means of grace faithfully maintained, giving much to encourage hope of a coming harvest. She also makes mention of an efficient Ladies' Missionary Society and a Children's Mission Band, and of the healthful influence in the community of a strong lodge of Good Templars.

Kerhonkson after a long vacancy has secured an acceptable pastor. Preaching services are now maintained in the church and in three out-stations. The Sabbath School has been re-organized, and during the year has doubled its numbers. The children have formed a Mission Band and are raising money by the sale of the Trailing Arbutus.

Mamakating is still without a pastor. Rev. Mr. Millett has supplied the pulpit since February last. Statistics show they have received ten (10) members on the confession of their faith. They rejoice in the prosperity God has given them.

Newburgh reports much special effort in the churches of the city during the winter, aided by the eminent evangelists Aitken, Moody, Pentecost and Needham, in which she joined, and in the results of which she shared. The spiritual condition of the church is very promising. The church services and prayer meetings are well attended and inquirers are often found.

Montgomery gratefully makes mention of the blessing of God in the ingathering of eleven trophies of his saving power and in the peace and prosperity he has given her. To assist her in His public worship she has erected a fine pipe-organ in the church. A large Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle has been formed and much interest is being taken in this thorough system of intellectual, moral and religious culture.

New Hurley reports good attendance on the church services. A Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has been formed and a quarterly missionary concert exercise has been started in the Sabbath School. Both promise well.

New Prospect shows by her Statistical table a very commendable increase in her benevolent contributions.

Shawangunk rejoices in a steady, though slow, growth. Fourteen have confessed their faith in Christ, and it is hoped others will follow the good example at the next Communion. Special care is taken to have the scholars in the Sabbath Schools learn the Westminster Catechism. We notice this church also has largely increased her benevolent contributions.

Walden has enjoyed a spiritual refreshing. At the last communion thirty-one (31) were received on confession of their faith, chiefly of the children of the church. The Sabbath School is prosperous. A class of men in active life has recently been formed and is studying the Word of God with deep interest. The organist of the church has awakened a great interest among the young people, of whom a vocal society has been formed, which has already given several successful entertainments.

Walkill praises God for His blessing. He has heard the cry of His people. He has honored the means of grace, and twenty-two (22) have been added to the church, nearly all from the Sabbath School.

Walpack (Lower) reports an encouraging spiritual condition. Special services have been held recently in the Bushkill church, with a very manifest awakening of interest. Seven persons have already announced their purpose to serve the Lord and others are deeply interested.

Wawarsing records the continued goodness of the Lord. They who love the Lord and serve in His Church have largely magnified their profession. "Though we have not received the power of the Holy Ghost in converting sinners, yet we rejoice with those who have and 'we wait the time when the blessing shall come to us.'" The benevolent contributions of this church have also increased.

The record of the year is a good one and should fill our hearts with gratitude and hopeful devotion.

After being under the care of Classis for one year, the German minister, Rev. H. Miller, was examined by Classis and installed pastor of the church of Callicoon. Rev. Gilbert Yave was received from the Classis of Raritan and installed pastor of Grahamsville, Claraville and Unionville. Rev. William B. Darrach was received from North River Presbytery and installed pastor of the church of Kerhonkson. The licentiate John H. Gillespie was received from the Classis of Bergen, examined, ordained to the ministry and installed pastor of New Hurley. The licentiate E. O. Moffett was re-

ceived from the Classis of New Brunswick, examined, ordained to the ministry and installed pastor of New Prospect. The Rev. James B. Wilson, pastor of Bloomingburgh, has been removed from us by death.

Minnisink and Upper Walpack make no report.

F. S. SCHENCK, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

As we come together again to tell what the Lord has done for us, it is cheering to hear words of thankfulness and hope, coming from almost every quarter. Some of our churches report unusual prosperity and blessing, and most of them give testimony of prevailing peace and harmony, flourishing Sunday Schools, and regular attendance upon divine service.

The additions upon confession are in excess of last year's report, there is a substantial gain in the number of communicants, a slight increase in the number of Sunday School scholars, and the Spirit of God has moved our hearts to greater liberality, as shown in the contributions for religious and benevolent purposes.

Every church with a pastor reports a net gain in its membership except Rhinebeck, which has been without an under shepherd most of the year; thus, while to maintain our numbers and our position against death and changes, is in itself prosperity, we as a Classis have greater things to thank the Lord for, whereof we are glad.

Glenham and Cold Spring are without pastors, but all the rest of churches are rejoicing in the full means of grace.

The First Church of Poughkeepsie reports more than ordinary prosperity, unbroken peace, increased spirit of Christian fellowship, and greatly blessed Sunday School work, more than three-fourths of the forty-five who united upon confession coming from the school.

The Second Church of Poughkeepsie tells of continued religious interest throughout the entire year, of communion seasons gladdened by goodly numbers of souls confessing their faith in Christ, of faithful and fruitful Sunday School work, cheerful and generous response to the various calls of the Lord's work in all directions.

Fishkill shows by her statistics that this year has been blessed with a larger ingathering than the year preceding.

Hopewell says not a communion season passes without additions to the membership of our church. Fruit is being gathered from the abundant use of religious literature. A Sabbath evening prayer meeting is conducted by laymen. A Young Men's Christian Association lately started has seventy members. A growing interest in the temperance work is shown, and the work of the Lord is prospering on every hand.

New Hackensack reports an increase in her benevolent contributions, and adds that while there is no marked spiritual interest, there has been healthy progress.

Hyde Park has been without a pastor for some time, but now rejoices in the settlement of Rev. Jno. F. Shaw, who has been with them since last September. New zeal has been manifested in all departments of the church work, and the past year is regarded as a time of seed sowing from which harvests are expected.

Fishkill-on-Hudson reports encouraging attendance upon the service of the Sanctuary, a young people's prayer meeting growing in numbers and interest, an effective Ladies' Missionary Society, and many cheering signs of Divine Presence.

Rhinebeck, for more than a year without a pastor, has called and settled Rev. Jas. B. Campbell, under whose leadership she is now confident of growth.

Glenham "Sorrows as sheep without a shepherd," but the ordinances of God's house have been regularly maintained. Their financial condition has not seemed to warrant their calling a pastor hitherto, but such a step is now under consideration, and the prayers of Classis are asked that the way may be made clear before them.

Cold Spring is vacant since the dismissal of Rev. I. W. Gowan, and while they feel weak on account of the loss of their pastor and the withdrawal of the support from the Board of Domestic Missions, they have been regularly supplied from the Seminary and the services of the Sanctuary have thus been continued.

Milbrook is thankful for evidence of the Lord's presence and for hope, with which he has inspired their hearts, of greater blessing.

Respectfully submitted,

J. EDWARD LYALL, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.

The Committee on Consistorial Reports would report in detail, as follows:

Bronxville reports having been without a pastor for more than eighteen months and in that time the church has spiritually declined. Reports a weekly prayer meeting, also, and has recently started a woman's prayer meeting, and well attended.

Cortlandtown reports a growing interest in church work; in temporal affairs they are in a better condition than ever before, and hope before long to reap a spiritual awakening in that part of Zion.

Fordham reports more than usual interest in church work. They have received ten additions. They sustain a weekly prayer meeting. They report, also, increased interest and attendance upon Sabbath School; expended $2,100 in repairs and yet gave more than ever before to the mission work. "The church has never closed as full and prosperous a year as this."

Greenburg reports statistics only.

Greenville reports statistics only.

Hastings reports large financial progress, but spiritually at a stand-still, but church service well attended.

Melrose reports having to meet unforeseen expenses, by which they became financially crippled. Seven additions by profession; and a flourishing and growing Sabbath School of four hundred and twenty-two members. Report shows a large increase in contributions. Will be obliged to ask aid from the Board of Domestic Missions to the amount of $250.

Mt. Vernon reports a year of steady, vigorous growth. Attendance upon church service increased; peace and har-

mony reigned, with a more active spirit of Christian enterprise. With pleasure the Consistory note an increase in the number received on confession, an enlargement in the contributions, both for benevolent and congregational purposes. The burden of debt being gradually removed. The church is now crowded to overflowing, and soon they will have to face the question of enlarged accommodation. They report thirty-five additions to their membership and ten additional families.

Peekskill reports a continued state of prosperity, and additions to the church at each communion; twenty-four having been received during the year. Sabbath School has prospered, and gained sixty-three additions. Financially they have done more than in many years. The church is supported by voluntary contribution and expects soon to be self-supporting.

Tarrytown First reports no revival interest, yet an addition of twelve. An increased interest is marked in missionary work, and they raised more than $800 for the improvement of the church property. They report a steady, encouraging progress and a general interest in all the departments of work.

Tarrytown Second. The ordinances of public worship have been regularly maintained, the Sunday School and prayer meeting. The Consistory can only lament the want of a higher spirituality and a more zealous interest in the cause of religion among us.

Unionville reports spiritual progress, and church property improvement. Financially crippled by deaths and removals of heavy contributors. Revised its roll of church membership and number of families.

West Farms reports having cancelled a debt of $1,950 and are now out of debt and financially better than they have been for many years. The church is spiritually revived and reports six additions; have a well-sustained prayer meeting; Sabbath School prosperous, and contributed to all the Boards and Funds of our Church.

Yonkers reports nothing special. Services of the church have been treated with usual attention, and sixteen addition

the past year. The Ludlow Street Chapel Sabbath School, organized but little more than a year ago, has become an interesting addition and source of strength to the church. It has gathered 171 scholars to its roll within its past school year.

Your Committee on Consistorial reports have had before them the statistics from all the churches in all the Classis. The churches report many encouraging and few discouraging facts. Upon the whole, we have much to encourage our faith and hope. The year has been one of general advance, and of increased financial prosperity, heavy burdens of debt removed, less lamenting in spiritual dearth. The "effectual fervent prayer of the righteous" God hath heard, and Zion is beginning to awake and put on her strength as of ancient days.

Your Committee would suggest to the brethren in making out their Consistorial Report that they give facts only and not comments.

The following ministerial changes have taken place: Rev. Alexander Watson died October 14th, 1885; Brother Watson was ordained a few years ago on his seventy-fifth birthday; having been a licentiate, acting as colporteur, for thirty years in the worst districts of New York; Rev. W. A. Dumont, a licentiate, was received from the Classis of Raritan, and ordained and installed over Church of Hastings, July 21st, 1886. He was examined for ordination June 29th, 1886; the Rev. J. Joseph Rankin was received by Classis at Elmsford, April 20th, 1886, from the Presbytery of Buffalo, and arrangements were made for his installation as pastor of the church at Bronxville.

Respectfully submitted,

P. A. WESSELS, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF ARCOT.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes. R. A. P.	Congregational Purposes. R. A. P.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Arcot	Moses Nathaniel	38	1	4	4	...	1	45	2	....	15	16	2	129	.. .. ..	61 11 ..	Arcot, Madras Presidency, In
Yehamur	"	141	3	...	...	2	...	59	2	....	127	127	6	584	.. .. ..	37 .. 10	" " "
Arni	E. C. Scudder, Jr.	25	3	14	...	...	2	38	4	2	11	6	5	115	53 4 ..	56 15 9	Arni, " "
Alliendal	" "	23	1	....	3	2	...	29	4	....	6	7	2	97	3 12 ..	6 15 11	" " "
Gnanodiam	" "	67	...	8	...	...	1	77	12	...	24	50	6	304	15 12 ..	27 11 5	" " "
Marutuvambadi	" "	20	1	1	...	...	1	23	4	....	12	4	1	91	4 8 ..	6 4 10	" " "
Vellumbi	" "	27	1	5	2	...	...	41	3	....	3	9	4	105	5 14 .	14 7 ..	" " "
Chittoor	Andrew Sawyer	34	11	9	3	...	5	76	16	6	24	1	2	205	101 11 8	139 5 9	Chittoor, "
Kottapalli	J. W. Conklin	73	...	6	5	2	2	79	...	....	54	65	10	275	9 12 ..	30 6 ..	Arcot, "
Madanapalle	W. W. Scudder, D.D.	113	9	4	2	1	1	74	8	1	44	178	5	397	186 12 8	88 2 8	Madanapalle, "
Palamanair	" "	7	...	...	6	...	...	6	1	....	2	6	1	19	6 12 4	28	" "
Vellore	J. W. Scudder, M.D.	74	16	17	15	...	2	128	2	...	24	6	6	287	184 8 10	106 2 1	Vellore, "
Kandiputtur	" "	106	...	...	2	...	2	116	2	...	4	75	5	399	12 5 ..	20 6 ..	" "
Sekadu	" "	91	1	...	...	...	2	103	1	....	7	56	2	321	8 4 ..	13 4 4	" "
Kattupadi	Abraham William	132	1	5	26	...	1	169	2	1	16	128	2	484	35 6 ..	85 12 6	Kattupadi, "
Tindivanam	Jno. Scudder, M.D.(a.c.)	10	3	5	6	...	...	28	3	7	4	1	2	91	40 1 5	38 13 ..	Tindivanam, "
Coonoor	" "	59	1	8	5	2	2	97	4	...	21	1	2	227	40 5 6	99 10 ..	" "
Sattambadi	" "	72	5	4	3	2	3	104	9	1	12	29	7	297	22 4 6	36 6 4	" "
Orattur	Paul Bailey	70	5	2	5	...	...	94	9	2	13	47	3	263	14 6 8	23 4 6	" "
Kolapakam	"	50	1	...	...	2	...	55	28	22	30	20	4	194	11 15 ..	22 3 ..	" "
Narasinganur	"	43	7	1	2	...	...	67	14	4	1	16	2	163	9 7 9	24 3 4	" "
Varikkal	"	39	1	2	2	...	...	40	6	....	15	26	3	161	9 3 8	15 4 8	" "
Vellirapattu	"	53	...	...	...	6	...	62	7	....	1	39	3	219	10 7 8	14 4 6	" "
	Total	1373	71	96	91	19	25	1640	143	46	470	913	98	5487	*786 14 8	*996 11 5	

Other Ministers.—Rev. Jacob Chamberlain, D.D., America; Rev. J. H. Wyckoff, America; Rev. L. Hekhuis, M.D., in charge of Arcot Station.
Candidates.—A. Masillamini, P. Souri. *A rupee is worth about fifty cents. Contributions of the Missionaries are not included in these amounts.

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.		
First Claverack	Wm. J. Leggett	120	4	11	12	3	4	226	1	2	70	100	5	310	$424 28	$2,121 48	Claverack,	N. Y.
Second Claverack	John G. Gebhard	200	11	6	6	...	2	†176	...	1	...	200	2	200	170 60	1,875 06	Mellenville,	"
Gallatin	John M. Reiner*.	73	...	...	2	...	...	163	2	...	25	.....	1	70	12 55	675	Mt. Ross,	"
Germantown	H. P. Blair	108	3	...	2	...	2	159	2	1	...	.....	1	130	65	1,617 84	Germantown,	"
Greenport	Wm. Veenschoten	117	4	2	3	...	7	208	5	1	86	94	3	270	173 63	1,585 70	Hudson,	"
Hudson	Wm. H. Gleason	226	15	14	8	...	7	494	3	6	.....	.....	1	294	1,857 74	5,615 99	"	"
Linlithgow	T. S. Dusinberre	75	3	2	3	...	4	113	2	1	.....	.....	1	90	352 50	1,328 47	Livingston,	"
Livingston at Linlithgo	George Le Fevre	56	18	7	2	...	...	63	17	15	35	15	1	65	41 19	650	Linlithgo,	"
Upper Red Hook	Vacant	90	4	1	9	...	2	163	2	...	.....	.....	1	140	392 59	1,180 69	Upper Red Hook,	"
West Copake	Jas. C. Garretson	81	...	....	1	...	1	103	2	....	91	.....	1	144	50 68	956 76	West Copake,	"
	Total	1150	62	43	48	3	29	1868	36	27	307	409	17	1713	$3,540 76	$17,606 99		

‡Pastor elect. †Revised.

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Bloomingdale	James M. Compton.	102	5	0	1	0	2	117	8	2	54	12	1	178	$25 23	$580	Whiteport, Ulster Co., N.Y.
The Clove	William H. Vroom	150	11	9	11	1	1	*233	7	4	204	172	2	330	201 98	1,847 01	High Falls, " "
Dashville Falls	Richard P. Milliken	...	29	4	3	...	2	158	1	10	20	15	1	65	66 25	947 41	Rifton Glen, " "
Guilford	Calvin E. Lasher.	80	3	5	5	0	2	87	4	1	173	85	4	210	37 85	1,200	Gardiner, " "
Hurley	DeWitt B. Wyckoff (s.c.)	77	19	2	7	0	2	170	5	9	90	60	1	135	188 51	1,107 36	Hurley, " "
Kingston, Fair Street.	Stephen D. Noyes	150	33	3	3	...	8	317	7	12	.....	.....	1	262	1,073 82	4,132 35	Kingston, " "
Krumville	Paul T. Deyo	40	0	0	0	0	0	95	0	0	70	15	1	70	0 00	250	Samsonville, " "
Lyonsville	Vacant	50	4	...	...	...	...	80	3	1	.....	.....	1	70	.....	115	Stone Ridge, " "
Marbletown	William W. Schomp	95	5	2	2	0	1	155	3	1	.....	0	1	75	219 30	1,124 72	" " "
Marbletown, North Ch.	Wm. W. Schomp, S. S.	60	2	3	2	0	1	114	2	0	.....	0	1	62	27	310 94	" " "
New Paltz	A. H. Huizinga, P. E.	260	31	6	6	0	8	382	16	7	.....	180	6	320	377 42	1,814 55	New Paltz, " "
Rochester	John B. Church	*130	21	3	5	0	6	*180	7	6	132	31	4	334	116 80	1,230	Accord, " "
Rosendale.	Matthew N. Oliver.	76	14	6	4	0	3	98	4	8	121	0	1	131	16	1,262 90	Rosendale, " "
St. Remy	James M. Compton.	44	8	4	2	0	1	64	7	3	24	11	1	88	16 81	441 27	Whiteport, " "
	Total	1314	185	47	51	1	37	2250	74	64	888	581	26	2310	$2,366 97	$16,363 51	

***Other Ministers.*—Rev. James R. Lente, Emeritus, Washingtonville, N. Y.; Rev. M. F. Liebenau, Emeritus, Kingston, N. Y.** ***Revised.**

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Jamaica	William H. DeHart	170	5	9	1	...	5	296	11	....	.....	88	2	256	$574 31	$2,513 99	Jamaica, N.Y.
Newtown	Charles I. Shepard	97	5	5	3	...	3	197	14	....	.....	.....	2	300	712 98	2,344 52	Newtown, "
Oyster Bay	John H. Smock	100	4	6	...	...	...	127	1	2	.....	.....	1	94	153 35	1,202 07	Glen Head, "
North Hempstead	Abram I. Martine	78	11	2	1	...	1	115	6	5	41	38	2	155	294 05	1,521 82	Manhasset, "
Williamsburg	Edward P. Terhune	180	12	6	12	...	1	210	5	3	.....	.....	1	375	650	10,846 38	157 South 9th St., B'klyn, E.D.
Astoria	Wm. Stockton Cranmer	100	8	5	7	...	3	‡215	8	...	50	200	1	304	934 63	3,052 04	Astoria, N.Y.
Flushing	Oliver E. Cobb	95	11	3	6	...	3	243	4	1	.....	90	1	190	443 36	3,500	Flushing, "
Greenpoint	Lewis Francis	217	13	4	16	...	7	‡390	13	5	.....	.....	2	987	1,301 05	5,403 69	143 Noble St., B'klyn, E. D.
South Bushwick	George D. Hulst	175	13	35	14	...	2	340	20	1	70	.....	1	850	250	9,113	15 Himrod St., B'klyn, E. D.
Second Astoria	C. D. F. Steinfuhrer	100	8	.....	.....	...	6	209	60	....	....	25	1	200	83	2,100	Astoria, N.Y.
East Williamsburg	Vacant	†	.....	.....	.....	...	1	23	5	....	....	12	1	130	121 36	212 58	
Queens	Andrew Hageman	109	3	4	7	...	3	144	8	....	.....	100	2	448	462 89	1,896 23	Queens, "
German Ev., Brooklyn	Vacant	294	14	....	3	...	5	489	80	2	.....	390	2	1000	447 51	4,513 91	
Sayville	G. Van Emerick	17	.....	.....	.....	...	3	54	3	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 62	.....	Sayville, "
Locust Valley	John H. Smock	50	.....	.....	.....	...	...	58	.....	....	.....	.....	1	87	.....	1,004	Glen Head, "
College Point	Herman C. Berg	73	2	1	6	...	...	135	12	....	.....	16	1	129	263 79	1,949 70	College Point, "
First Ref., L. I. City	Alexander Shaw	38	6	8	3	...	...	‡33	13	....	.....	100	1	126	125 50	775	Long Island City, "
Bushwick	Robert H. Barr	250	3	4	45	...	1	426	6	1	.....	.....	1	1001	59 50	5,148 20	225 South 2d St., B'klyn, E.D.
German Ev., Jamaica	Franz Hartig	52	4	2	.....	...	1	144	16	....	.....	4	1	100	21 45	809	Jamaica, N.Y.
Jericho	Ernest Gutweiler*	20	.....	.....	.....	...	...	8	.....	....	.....	25	1	25	.....	100	Hicksville, "
Hicksville	Ernest Gutweiler	40	2	1	2	...	...	26	7	1	.....	20	1	100	10	600	" "
	Total	2255	124	95	126	...	45	3882	292	21	161	1108	26	6857	$6,915 35	$58,606 13	

Other Ministers.—Rev. E. R. Atwater, Brooklyn, E. D., N.Y.; Rev. Wm. H. Ten Eyck (s. c.), New Brunswick, N.J.; Rev. E. S. Porter, Claverack, N.Y.; Rev. Alexander S. Van Dyck, Missionary to China; Rev. John M. Wagner, 315 Graham Avenue, Brooklyn, E. D., N.Y.
Licentiate.—Herman H. Shook, 34 Marquetta Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. *Stated Supply. †Last Year's Report. ‡Revised List.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Brooklyn	David N. Vanderveer	180	10	7	4	...	4	349	2	3	.....	125	2	665	$4,630 48	$8,200	95 Livingston St., B'lyn, N.Y.
Flatbush	Cornelius L. Wells	116	26	19	3	...	5	†278	7	1	205	‡200	1	396	6,296 28	4,000	Flatbush, Kings Co., " "
" Mission	.....	58	3	1	...	..	1	34	5	0	...	.....	1	120	28 23	.....	.....
New Utrecht	Alfred H. Brush	100	7	3	...	...	4	255	5	1	.....	75	3	352	1,083 31	2,439 64	New Utrecht, Kings Co., " "
Gravesend	A. P. Stockwell	120	12	4	5	..	3	228	9	3	127	130	2	220	685 83	2,070 72	Gravesend, " "
Flatlands	John S. Gardner	85	7	0	3	...	2	178	9	1	154	90	2	292	709 46	2,770 54	Flatlands, " "
New Lots	Nicholas Pearse	70	6	0	1	...	4	177	10	0	.....	72	1	190	812 37	2,678 71	East New York, " "
East New York	Daniel Van Pelt	90	1	6	1	...	4	128	10	0	69	150	1	325	509 23	2,681 24	" " "
South Brooklyn	Alfred DeW. Mason	80	11	10	0	...	0	125	8	4	54	66	1	325	352 99	1,785 12	1059 3d Ave., Brooklyn,
Middle "	William H. Ford.	140	10	2	14	...	6	293	6	1	....	.....	1	280	309 51	5,655	309 President St., "
12th St., "	Uriah D. Gulick	220	16	17	21	...	4	659	20	8	340	230	2	1553	1,146 64	7,840 32	257 12th St., " "
North "	William D. Perry	36	2	9	37	...	3	112	0	2	.....	106	1	206	75 79	2,191 29	95 Adelphi St., " "
Ch. on Heights, B'klyn	Alfred J. Hutton	133	10	12	11	...	5	*252	11	3	.....	48	2	547	9,004 11	6,431 36	165 Hicks St., " "
New Brooklyn	Jacob Weber	125	24	....	0	...	4	389	108	0	500	24	1	300	178 46	1,388 79	1058 Herkimer St., " "
Bedford	Walter T. Griffin	204	24	33	3	...	2	380	13	3	.....	220	1	340	300	8,270	674 Bedford Ave., " "
Second Flatbush	Vacant	§60	8	0	0	...	0	82	18	0	102	8	1	68	20 23	523 50	
Canarsie	Conrad Dickhaut	38	3	0	0	...	...	69	12	0	101	6	1	85	30	516	East New York, Kings Co."
St. Thomas, W. Indies	.....	40	12	0	0	...	5	130	7	0	.....	30	1	75	23 06	2,407 18	St. Thomas, Danish W. Indies
Ocean Hill, Brooklyn	A. M. Quick, P. E.	60	9	16	0	...	0	25	2	0	.....	.....	1	324	.....	.....	56 7th Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y.
	Total	1955	201	138	102	...	56	4132	262	36	1652	1580	25	6684	$26,739 98	$61,857 71	

Other Ministers.—Rev. J. M. Van Buren, Nyack, N. Y.; Rev. Jacob West, Secretary Board of Domestic Missions, 34 Vesey Street, N.Y.; Rev. Daniel Rapalje, Missionary at Amoy, China; Rev. John M. Ferris, Editor *Christian Intelligencer*, 48 Church Street, N.Y.; Rev. David Sutphen, Bloomfield, N. J.; Rev. Robert G. Strong (s. c.), Principal Erasmus Hall Academy, Flatbush, N.Y.; Rev. Alex. Thompson, Chaplain Roosevelt Hospital, N.Y., 180 Clermont Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Rev. Ransford Wells, Flatbush, L. I.; Rev. Maurice G. Hansen, 249 Dean Street, Brooklyn; Rev. Anson DuBois, Catskill, Greene Co., N.Y.

†Thirteen names transferred to Mission Record. *Revised List. §Last Year's Report.

‡Including 95 Baptized Non-Communicants under 10 years of age. ‖Organized within the year.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
New York (Collegiate)	Thos. E. Vermilye	.....	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	15 West 56th St., N.Y. City.
	Talbot W. Chambers	....	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	70 West 36th St., "
	William Ormiston	579	49	19	154	...	21	1669	10	3	.....	898	6	2009	$24,551 24	.....	17 West 32d St., "
	Edward B. Coe	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	42 West 52d St., "
North	Col. Chapl's.	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	113 Fulton St., "
DeWitt		.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	160 West 29th St., "
Knox Mem'l.		.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	514 9th Ave., "
Harlem	George H. Smyth	390	56	33	15	...	2	674	17	16	450	700	1	850	3,031	.....	6th Ave. & 123d St., "
South New York	Roderick Terry	145	3	3	9	...	2	359	3	...	66	50	2	260	6,002 50	$15,000	169 Madison Ave., "
Manor (Ch. So. N.Y.)	J. A. Billingsley	137	17	1	3	...	3	144	13	1	96	100	1	500	228 99	891 18	443 West 23d St., "
Staten Island	James Brownlee	150	13	11	2	...	5	281	13	4	.....	250	2	453	951 28	7,821 59	Port Richmond, S. I., N. Y.
	Alfred H. Demarest																
Bloomingdale	Carlos Martyn	110	18	27	...	...	1	*108	6	5	.....	375	1	375	788 70	.....	B'way & 68th St., N.Y. City.
Madison Avenue	Edward A. Reed	116	12	7	12	...	7	252	6	3	92	120	2	542	4,528 85	12,286 67	120 East 64th St., "
Thirty-fourth Street	James M. Dickson	175	12	5	19	...	6	375	13	2	69	230	1	259	715	5,179	418 West 23d St., "
German Ev. Mission	Julius W. Geyer	.....	46	....	8	1	8	434	25	10	.....	48	1	600	1,689 51	1,566 12	76 Second St., "
Huguenots	Vacant	35	1	....	....	....	1	28	....	1	.....	66	1	66	50 12	264 36	
St. Paul's, Mott Haven	Hasbrouck Du Bois	102	16	13	13	...	6	206	22	6	125	250	1	560	350 20	2,290	380 East 145th St., "
Union, High Bridge	Daniel H. Martin	92	31	11	1	...	2	99	10	4	29	.....	1	158	467 51	2,023 28	High Bridge, "
Fourth German	John H. Oerter	97	38	....	2	...	1	342	29	1	160	260	1	440	333 06	2,002 06	248 West 40th St., "
Prospect Hill	D. McL. Quackenbush	105	15	3	3	...	3	229	8	3	129	291	1	572	839 63	4,331 94	222 East 87th St., "
	Oliver H. Walser																131 East 86th St., "
Holland	Vacant	35	4	5	1	...	1	67	2	....	.....	.....	....	.....	98	458	
Avenue B. German Ev.	Jacob Schlegel	113	53	3	...	...	11	635	75	..	75	35	1	300	300	2,940 78	602 5th St., "
Brighton Heights	William W. Clark	180	25	6	14	†22	5	310	3	7	37	200	1	260	1,118 09	4,411 35	Tompkinsville, N.Y.
Union, Sixth Avenue	E. S. Fairchild	110	8	5	9	...	2	297	....	1	.....	110	2	246	433 48	3,794 21	25 6th Ave., N.Y. City.
German, Norfolk St.	Frederick C. Erhart	75	38	....	....	....	2	336	80	1	.....	89	1	350	166	1,400	129 Norfolk St., "
Kreischerville, S. I.	Jacob Gansz	153	5	1	...	...	6	50	8	....	....	9	1	130	.....	.....	Kreischerville, N.Y.
German Ev. of York'vle	G. A. T. Goebel	64	16	1	...	....	....	113	28	1	....	15	1	183	15	500	155 East 91st St., N.Y. City.
Grace	Joseph R. Duryee	103	13	107	1	...	1	118	4	2	.....	.....	1	411	99 50	508 92	112 West 47th St., "
	Total	3061	489	261	266	23	96	7021	374	71	1328	4041	30	9524	$46,752 66	$67,169 56	

Foreign Missionaries.—Rev. Leonard W. Kip, Amoy, China; Rev. C. H. H. Wolff, Japan; Rev. E. Rothesay Miller, Yokohama, Japan; Rev. Nathan Henry Demarest, Nagasaki, Japan.

Other Ministers.—Rev. John Forsyth, Newburgh, N.Y.; Rev. Wm. H. Miller, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Rev. Aaron Lloyd, Belleville, N. J.; Rev. G. H. Mandeville, 327 East 124th Street; Rev. Abraham Thompson, Readington, N. J.; Rev. A. G. Vermilye, Englewood, N. J.; Rev. F. N. Zabriskie, Princeton, N. J.; Rev. A. J. Park, Weston, Conn.; Rev. G. S. Plumley, P. O. Box 787, New York City; Rev. F. M. Kip, Chaplain, Tompkinsville, N.Y.

Candidate.—Lewis R. Scudder, 118 East 45th Street, New York City.

*Active members only. †Put on the retired list.

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Berea	Adrian Westveer	70	6	0	0	0	0	133	0	1	.....	20	1	75	$138 74	$794 64	Walden, N.Y.
Bloomingburgh		57	8	....	8	1	6	103	1	5	.....	13	18	39	167 68	953 34	Bloomingburgh, "
Callicoon	H. Miller	94	10	....	...	...	11	178	32	....	.....	24	1	110	16 50	457 52	Callicoon, "
Claraville	Gilbert Lane							66									Eureka, Sullivan Co., "
Cuddebackville	Hermon Hageman	62	10	4	2	...	...	111	1	9	.....	50	2	115	58 06	630	
Deerpark	Goyn Talmage	170	5	2	3	...	3	289	2	3	.....	150	2	376	745 85	4,807 55	Port Jervis, "
Ellenville	John Hutchins	118	54	8	8	1	4	253	17	27	46	.....	1	231	387 98	2,248 49	Ellenville, "
Fallsburgh	Walter S. Brown	100	4	1	1	...	...	124	6	1	77	.....	1	36	102 53	729	Woodbourne, "
Grahamsville	Gilbert Lane	42	2	....	2	1	...	*89	....	....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	Eureka, Sullivan Co., "
Kerhonkson	W. B. Darrach	50	....	1	2	...	1	60	8	....	65	.....	...	50	42	365	Kerhonkson, "
Mamakating	Samuel Millett	40	10	....	2	...	1	89	....	8	.....	40	1	45	.....	388 78	Wurtsboro, "
Minnisink																	Montague, "
Montgomery	Ferdinand S. Schenck	185	11	....	10	...	8	407	11	1	.....	100	4	200	1,089 46	3,732 41	Montgomery, "
Newburgh	Henry V. S. Myers	182	20	16	15	...	3	427	7	5	92	166	1	197	745 44	3,122 64	Newburgh, "
New Hurley	John H. Gillespie	*119	7	4	5	...	1	*149	4	....	...	110	2	110	102 28	779 18	New Hurley, "
New Prospect	E. O. Moffett	120	3	5	...	...	2	126	3	2	134	41	2	134	217 73	1,486 79	Pine Bush, Orange Co., "
Shawangunk	Peter K. Hageman	70	9	5	4	...	4	200	8	3	.....	50	4	180	154 30	1,025 50	Bruynswick, "
Unionville	Gilbert Lane	20	....	....	....	....	....	29	....	....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	Eureka, "
Walden	M. V. Schoonmaker	80	35	7	10	...	4	218	6	8	125	175	1	200	320	1,600	Walden, "
Walkill Valley	Richard DeWitt (s. c.)	70	22	..	2	...	5	106	5	8	40	30	1	146	108 18	1,175 50	Walkill, "
Walpack (Upper)																	
Walpack (Lower)	H. L. Rex	65	3	0	0	...	1	128	2	....	80	50	2	100	39 77	750	Bushkill, "
Wawarsing	George D. Lydecker	61	1	2	5	...	3	78	....	1	.....	.....	1	100	88 56	1,229	Napanoch, "
	Total	1775	220	55	19	3	57	3353	113	83	659	1019	46	2444	$4,465 06	$26,275 29	

Other Ministers.—Rev. S. W. Mills, Port Jervis, N.Y.; Rev. John A. Staats, Goshen, N.Y.; Rev. E. W. Bentley, Canton Center, Conn.; Rev. John T. Demarest, Emeritus, Mount Moor, N.Y.

*Revised List.

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
First Poughkeepsie	A. P. Van Gieson (s. c.).	190	45	5	8	...	11	452	8	12	.....	.....	1	347	$2,287 92	$3,008 58	Poughkeepsie, N.Y.
Second Poughkeepsie	J. Elmendorf	130	26	6	6	...	5	285	5	12	33	.....	1	136	2,810 27	4,433 13	" "
Fishkill	M. B. Thomas	83	9	5	2	...	5	186	1	5	.....	.....	1	92	.....	1,768 54	Fishkill, "
Hopewell	C. H. Polhemus	150	13	12	1	...	2	301	2	7	.....	.....	*6	381	303 65	1,113 68	Hopewell Junction, "
New Hackensack	Henry Ward	100	6	...	2	...	...	156	...	2	72	40	4	215	407 36	1,387 53	New Hackensack, "
Hyde Park	John F. Shaw	60	1	3	2	...	...	112	2	1	...	40	1	60	105 65	887 60	Hyde Park, "
Fishkill-on-Hudson	Charles W. Fritts	125	13	12	5	...	5	280	8	7	.....	.....	1	214	663 92	3,112 32	Fishkill-on-Hudson, "
Rhinebeck	J. B. Campbell	95	1	8	2	...	8	195	3	..	.....	.....	1	106	324 63	1,269 54	Rhinebeck, "
Glenham	Vacant	34	3	...	3	...	...	60	2	2	.....	.....	1	57	42 02	526 36	Glenham, "
Cold Spring	Vacant	20	2	...	1	...	2	50	...	2	.....	.....	1	42	47 10	719	Cold Spring, "
Millbrook	J. Edward Lyall	77	6	1	3	...	1	111	2	5	42	.....	3	170	229 05	1,546 61	Millbrook, "
	Total.	1064	125	52	35	...	39	2188	33	55	155	80	20	1820	$7,455 12	$19,772 89	

Other Ministers.—Rev. C S. Hageman, Nyack, N.Y.; Rev. A. Mattice, Pine Plains, N.Y.; Rev. H. N. Cobb, 34 Vesey Street, N.Y.; Rev. C. R. Blauvelt, Nyack, N.Y.; Rev. H. Dater, Hawthorne, N. J.

*Five are Union Schools.

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Bronxville	J. Joseph Rankin	45	2	1	6	...	..	84	3	1	15	51	1	60	$164 66	$1,077 31	Bronxville, Westchester Co.
Cortlandtown	Joseph A. Harper	70	3	1	1	...	1	68	8	1	32	40	2	135	100 21	1,405	Montrose, " N.Y.
Fordham	William Anderson	47	9	1	5	...	...	82	3	4	...	....	1	140	754 48	5,446 31	Fordham, New York City.
Greenburgh	William E. Turner	32	..	....	5	...	...	16	3	...	...	.....	1	52	250	246 84	Elmsford, Westchester Co.
Greenville	James E. Graham	18	...	....	2	...	...	51	1	...	.....	.....	1	42	54 42	641 41	Scarsdale, " N.Y.
Hastings-on-Hudson	William A. Dumont	70	3	....	6	...	2	80	....	...	.....	.....	1	114	7	1,754 27	Hastings, " "
Melrose	John E. Lang	64	7	....	1	...	4	135	12	...	.....	27	1	422	72 50	1,972 64	Elton Ave. & 156 St., N.Y. C.
Mount Vernon	Chas. K. Clearwater(s.c)	165	15	20	10	...	4	347	5	3	.....	216	1	345	933 06	6,273 39	Mount Vernon, W'chester Co.
Peekskill	Henry De Vries	111	18	6	1	...	3	140	15	1	30	16	1	164	371 87	1,548 34	Peekskill, " N.Y.
Tarrytown, First	John K. Allen	105	10	2	10	...	4	248	1	2	.....	....	1	190	577 68	4,176 95	Tarrytown, " "
Tarrytown, Second	John A. Todd	100	3	3	4	...	6	332	7	1	.....	56	1	140	457 50	3,191 72	" " "
Unionville	Peter A. Wessels	35	4	....	....	...	1	88	....	10	18	1	1	101	176 94	1,115 34	Neperan, " "
West Farms	James Bolton	22	4	2	1	...	3	23	8	1	.....	40	1	80	65	1,775	1295 Woodruff St., N.Y. City.
Yonkers	David Cole	150	8	8	15	...	3	352	14	....	138	231	2	363	842 33	7,023 60	Yonkers, Westchester Co.
	Total	1024	86	44	67	...	31	2046	80	24	233	678	16	2348	$4,847 54	$37,648 12	

Other Ministers.—Rev. William Brush, Morristown, N. J.; **Rev.** Lawrence H. Van Dyck, Merritt's Corners, Westchester Co., N.Y.; **Rev. William W** Rand, Publ. Sec. American Tract Society, 150 Nassau Street New York; Rev. Howard Harris, Foreign Missionary, Japan; **Rev. William S. Moore, 124** Waverly Place, Yonkers, N.Y.; **Rev. William F. Anderson, Assistant** Pastor, Fordham, New York City; Rev. Edward J. Runk, 18 West 51st Street, New York; Rev. A. M. Quick, *in transitu.*

Candidate.—Henry J. **Bogardus, M.D., 135 East 42d Street, New York.**

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK, FOR YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 1886.

CLASSES.	Churches.	Ministers.	Number of Families.	Rec'd.		Total now in Communion.	Baptized		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. & B. S. & S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		STATED CLERKS.
				On Confession.	On Certificate.		Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Arcot	28	12	1373	71	95	1640	143	46	470	913	93	5437	$398	$498	Rev. John Scudder.
Hudson	10	9	1150	62	43	1868	36	27	307	409	17	1718	3,540 76	17,606 99	Rev. Thomas S. Dusinberre.
Kingston	14	13	1314	185	47	2250	74	64	888	581	26	2310	2,366 97	16,363 51	Rev. DeWitt B. Wyckoff.
North Long Island	21	22	2255	124	95	3892	292	21	161	1108	26	6857	6,915 35	58,606 13	Rev. William H. Ten Eyck.
South Long Island	18	26	1955	201	138	4132	262	36	1652	1580	35	6688	26,789 98	61,857 71	Rev. Robert G. Strong.
New York	21	40	3061	489	261	7021	374	71	1328	4041	30	9524	46,752 66	67,169 56	Rev. Oliver H. Walser.
Orange	23	20	1775	220	55	3353	113	82	659	1019	46	2444	4,465 06	26,275 29	Rev. Richard DeWitt.
Poughkeepsie	11	14	1064	125	52	2188	33	55	155	80	20	1820	7,455 12	19,772 89	Rev. A. P. Van Gieson.
Westchester	14	21	1024	86	44	2046	80	24	233	678	16	2348	4,847 54	37,648 12	Rev. Charles K. Clearwater.
Total	155	157	14971	1563	830	28380	1307	426	5853	10409	299	39141	$103,476 44	$305,798 20	

ARTICLE VIII.

CLASSICAL MINUTES.

The Committee on Classical Minutes reported by sub-committee on the Minutes of each of the Classes, as follows, and the reports were severally accepted and and adopted :

Classis of Hudson.—The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the Classis of Hudson would respectfully report that they have examined the same, and find them very neatly and correctly kept.

Constitutional questions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 are each answered affirmatively by all the churches.

A similar faithfulness with regard to question 7 (which is answered affirmatively by four of its ten churches) would certainly make this the banner Classis of this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

A. HAGEMAN,
W. H. WOODRUFF,
Committee.

Classis of Kingston.—Your Committee would respectfully report that the Minutes of the Classis of Kingston, upon examination, appear to be kept in a very proper and correct manner.

It does not appear, however, on the Minutes of the meeting of December 3, 1885, that the constitutional agreement of publishing the date of installation was complied with.

In regard to constitutional questions: There are fourteen churches within the bounds of the Classis; one was not represented, two vacant; of the eleven to question 1 all answered yes; to question 2, seven yes, four no; to question 3, three yes, three no; to question 4, all yes; to question 5, all yes; to question 6, all yes; to question 7, four yes, six no.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

H. DE VRIES, *Chairman.*

North Classis of Long Island.—The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the North Classis of Long Island

would report that they found them accurately and neatly kept.

The answers to constitutional questions indicate a high degree of faithfulness to their ministerial vows on part of the several pastors.

Respectfully submitted,

H. P. BLAIR, *Chairman.*
EDWARD LEFEVRE.

South Classis of Long Island.—The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the South Classis of Long Island, would report that they find them neatly kept and in due form. With reference to the constitutional inquiries they would state that all the churches answer affirmatively to questions 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, except the Church of Middle Brooklyn, which did not report on any of the questions. Question 6 was answered in the affirmative, except by the Church of North Brooklyn, which answered no. Question 7 was also answered in the affirmative, except by the following churches: Gravesend, New Lots, South Brooklyn, North Brooklyn, Bedford, and Ocean Hill. With these few exceptions, the answers to the constitutional inquiries indicate a high degree of faithfulness to their ministerial vows, on the part of several pastors.

WM. F. ANDERSON, *Chairman.*

Classis of New York.—The Committee on the Minutes of the Classis of New York respectfully report that they find the Minutes in good order and neatly kept. The answers to constitutional questions 2 and 3 are all in the affirmative except three answers to question 2, and four answers to question 3. Four churches of the Classis report no contribution for congregational purposes. Your Committee repeat the recommendation of the Synod last year that "hereafter the reports of the Classis be complete in this respect."

Respectfully submitted,

WM. J. LEGGETT,
GEO. W. POOL.

Classis of Orange.—The Committee on the Minutes of the Classis of Orange respectfully report that they find the Min-

utes in good order and correctly kept, so far as complete. The statistical table is not written out, to which neglect we call the attention of the Classis. In reference to the answers to the constitutional questions, your Committee find answers from only seventeen churches out of the twenty-three composing the Classis. The answers of these seventeen churches are as follows: Question 1, all the seventeen answer in affirmative; question 2, ten affirmative and seven negative; question 3, fifteen affirmative and one negative, and one affirmative, one "in part;" questions 4 and 5, all affirmative; question 6, sixteen affirmative, one negative; question 7, six affirmative, eleven negative.

Your Committee would suggest the following action:

Resolved, That the Classis of Orange be and hereby is requested to urge upon the delinquent churches the important duty of taking an annual collection for each of the Boards and funds of the church.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES I. SHEPARD, *Chairman.*
THEOPHILUS A. BROUWER.

Classis of Poughkeepsie.—The Committee on the Minutes of the Classis of Poughkeepsie have examined the record and find it well kept. The sessions have been conducted in an orderly manner, and the answers to constitutional questions indicate a good degree of faithfulness on the part of the pastors.

Three of the churches replied in the negative to the second question, but one of that number has been without a minister for several months.

Respectfully submitted,

DEWITT B. WYCKOFF, *Chairman.*

Classis of Westchester.—The Committee on the Minutes of the Classis of Westchester would respectfully report that they have examined the Minutes of said Classis and find them in good order. Your Committee would call attention to the answers to the constitutional questions, as follows: Two churches make no report, on account of having no pastor. Of the remaining twelve churches all answer yes to question

1; five answer yes and seven no to question 2; six answer yes and six no to question 3; eight answer yes and four no to question 4; eleven answer yes and one no to question 5; ten answer yes and two no to question 6; three answer yes and nine no to question 7. The pastors of churches answering no, however, were called on for an explanation, and it is presumed these explanations were satisfactory, because no action was taken by Classis to reprove the delinquent churches or exhort them to a more faithful performance of their duties hereafter. The Classical Committee on Consistorial Minutes reported four churches with no record of closing meetings of Consistory with prayer, and two churches with no record of the constitutional question having been asked previous to Communion. Said report was accepted and adopted without any action of Classis regarding these omissions. Your Committee would also call attention to the fact that only five churches report the number of baptized non-communicants (nine of them making no report at all); and the total of these five churches is only 233, while the number of families reported by these five churches is 411, and the number of communicants is 732. This would indicate either a neglect of infant baptism on the one hand or a failure to keep a record of such baptisms on the other.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE LE FEVRE, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE IX.

OVERTURES AND JUDICIAL BUSINESS.

On motion it was

Resolved, That Article IX., entitled "Classical Appeals," be and hereby is changed to read henceforth "Overtures and Judicial Business," to correspond with the Standing Committee appointed for the same.

A proposed overture to General Synod from this Particular Synod was read by the Rev. E. J. Runk. It was referred to the Committee on "Overtures and Judicial Business." Their report, which was accepted and adopted, is as follows:

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business would respectfully report that there has been referred to them the following paper :

Resolved, that the following overture to the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America be adopted, and forwarded by the Stated Clerk of the Particular Synod to the Stated Clerk of the General Synod :

To the Reverend, the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America :

The Particular Synod of New York beg leave to call the attention of your Reverend Body to the large number of churches reported without pastors from time to time in the Minutes of General Synod and the large number of ministers reported without pastoral charges from time to time in the Minutes of General Synod, and respectfully ask your Reverend Body to consider this anomalous condition in the church at large and ascertain whether something may not be devised as a remedy by providing for a more efficient execution of laws already in existence upon this subject, or by fresh legislation which shall secure more general and practical superintendence of ministers and churches, so that no portion of the Lord's vineyard may be destitute of His pastoral representatives and laborers may not stand idle because no provision is made for their service and support."

That there is good reason for such a memorial to issue from this Synod is evident when the Minutes of the General Synod for 1885 show a total of 100 vacant churches out of a total number of 543, and 82 apparently unemployed ministers out of 573 ministers on the rolls of the Church.

It must, however, be remembered that these figures cannot form the only basis of estimate as to the number of churches and ministers who are thus deprived of the pastoral relation —for circumstances, of which we can have no knowledge through statistical reports, must greatly modify in many cases these unwelcome facts.

Still, it remains plainly evident that the disproportion between vacant churches and unemployed ministers is somewhat startling and that any means which can be taken to modify or remove this evil would be welcome to the Church at large.

Nevertheless, we judge that the provisions of the constitution of our Church are amply sufficient to deal with all ordinary cases of the kind under consideration, and where circumstances of peculiar need arise, the Classes to which is primarily committed the care of the several churches and ministers within their bounds are amply able to take care of their respective needs.

We would therefore recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Synod call the attention of the General Synod to the fact of the large number of vacant churches and unemployed ministers within their bounds, and that they be respectfully requested to urge upon the Committees on Supplies of the various Classes that they faithfully and conscientiously use all the means in their power to so bring together the laborers and the fields as may result in the adequate care of the spiritual interests of all our congregations.

2d. The Committee would also call the attention of this Particular Synod to the fact that a discrepancy arises in the item of total in communion in our churches, from the fact that while, according to the rule of General Synod, Consistories and Classes are not to report the members of churches whose place of residence cannot be ascertained (Const. Art. VI., § 9, and Digest, Chap. IV., § 15, 12), yet there is no provision made in the Statistical Tables for noting the number of such absentee members. From this cause, while there were added to the churches of this Particular Synod (of N. Y.) during the last year 1,563 on confession and 830 on certificate, making a net gain of 1,083 over all dismissions (845), suspensions (49) and deaths (416), which should have shown a total in communion (this year) of 29,017, there is reported a total in communion of only 28,380, a loss of 637, who have dropped out unnoticed by way of revisions of church rolls and placing on the retired lists of the churches.

It is evident that accuracy in these matters can be gained only by an annual revision of the church rolls, or some provision for noting the absentees. The former appears almost impracticable, and, therefore, this Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution, viz.:

Resolved, "That this Synod respectfully request General Synod to authorize the addition of a column to the statistical

tables of the Consistorial and Classical Reports, to be headed "Absentee Members," and to follow the column headed "Died," and precede that headed "Total now in Communion," and in which shall be entered annually by the clerks of Consistories and Classes the number of all members whose residences, after diligent search, cannot be ascertained, and who have not communed with the church to whose membership they belong within two (2) years."

This would call the constant attention of Pastors, Consistories and Classes to the number of those who are absenting themselves from church privileges, or who are living in neglect of their confessional vows, and will make possible a correct yearly exhibit of the actual living strength of our churches.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

ALFRED DEW. MASON, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE X.

CLASSICAL REFERENCES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XI.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XII.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIII.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIV.

SCHOOLS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XV.

STUDENTS IN THEOLOGY.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVI.

SIGNING THE FORMULA.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVII.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS.

Attended to by the Committee on Classical Minutes.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SYNODICAL INJUNCTIONS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIX.

PARTICULARIA.

The first hour of Tuesday afternoon, after the organization, was passed in devotional exercises, led by the President.

The first half hour of Wednesday morning session was also spent in devotional services, led by the Vice-President.

The Communion of the Lord's Supper was celebrated on the evening of the first day, immediately after the Synodical Sermon. The form was read by the President of Synod. The bread was administered by the Rev. William J. Leggett, and the cup by the Rev. William F. Anderson. The distribution was made by the elders, Theophilus A. Brouwer, Wm. H. Woodruff, Geo. W. Pool, and Samuel Keeler.

The bar of the house was defined.

The Rev. H. V. S. Myers, D.D., pastor of the church, the Rev. John S. Gardner, and Elder Henry L. Young were appointed a Committee of Arrangements for determining the Religious Exercises, the reading of the Papers, and the hours of meeting and adjournment. They reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted :

The Committee of Arrangements beg leave to recommend the following: That the services this evening, consisting of the sermon by the retiring President and the administration of the Lord's Supper, begin at 7.30 o'clock. That the paper of Rev. Charles W. Fritts be read during the hour for devotional services on Tuesday afternoon; that the paper of Rev. J. H. Oerter, D.D., be read at 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday, that of Rev. S. D. Noyes to follow immediately. That Synod adjourn on Tuesday afternoon at 5.30 o'clock, to re-assemble for services at 7.30 in the evening. Synod to meet at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning and adjourn at 12 noon, to re-assemble for business, as determined on motion, if necessary. The administration of the bread and wine at the Lord's Supper and distribution of the elements to occur as recorded.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be and hereby are given to Revs. Charles W. Fritts, John H. Oerter, D.D., and Stephen D. Noyes for the instructive and scholarly papers read before this body.

On motion is was

Resolved, That the Committee on Nominations be requested to select subjects for papers, and persons to prepare them, for the session of 1887.

The Committee reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Nominations would respectfully report on the matter of papers for the next session of Synod.

Resolved 1, That a paper be read on "The Elements of a Successful Pastorate," by Rev. Wm. H. Gleason, D. D.

That a paper be read on "Evangelistic Services," by Rev. Wm. W. Clark.

Resolved 2, That these papers be limited to twenty minutes each, and that they be followed by a discussion of the subject presented.

Resolved 3, That the paper on "The Elements of a Successful Pastorate" be read during the hour for the devotional exercises after the opening of Synod, and that the paper on

"Evangelistic Services" be read on the second day of the Synod immediately after devotional exercises.

WM. J. LEGGETT, *Chairman.*

The following preamble and resolutions regarding the death of Gamaliel G. Smith, Esq., were offered by the Rev. E. J. Runk, and seconded and spoken to by Elder Theophilus A. Brouwer, conveying a feeling tribute to the memory of the deceased. They were adopted and are as follows :

Whereas, the Particular Synod has learned through its President of the death of Elder Gamaliel G. Smith, for many years the efficient and devoted Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church ; therefore

Resolved, That the Particular Synod declare its sense of the loss which has through this stroke of Divine Providence befallen the Church ; and

Resolved, That the Synod extend their prayerful sympathy to the widow and family of the deceased, trusting that the Heavenly Father will console and support them in the hour of their sorrow ; and

Resolved, That the Synod would especially record its appreciation of the services of Mr. Smith, as Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions, in administering the funds of the Board and supplementing the Security Fund of the Board at times of arrearage in the contributions for the work ; and

Resolved, That a copy of this preamble and resolutions be forwarded by the Stated Clerk to the family of the deceased, another to the *Christian Intelligencer* for publication, and that they be spread upon the Minutes of the Synod.

At the Wednesday morning session the Rev. Charles I. Shepard was heard on behalf of the Board of Domestic Mis. sions. The Rev. A. V. V. Raymond, representing the Board of Foreign Missions, and the missionary, the Rev. Dr. Jacob Chamberlain, of India, addressed Synod on the subject of Foreign Missions.

The Revs. W. K. Hall, D.D., of the 1st Presbyterian Church, Newburgh, N.Y.; John Macnaughtan, of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church ; Jeremiah Searle, of the Calvary Presbyterian Church; F. B. Savage, D.D., of

the Union Presbyterian Church; and Jesse Shafer, of the Presbyterian Church, being present on the floor of Synod, their presence was recognized, and these brethren were invited to sit with Synod.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be directed to procure the printing of the usual number (450) of copies of the Minutes of this session of the Synod.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Particular Synod are hereby extended to the Pastor and Consistory of the Reformed Church of Newburgh for their courteous hospitality in opening their church to the Synod for use during its session, and

Resolved, That the Synod hereby expresses its grateful appreciation of the Christian love with which the members have been welcomed to the homes of those who have for the past days been their entertainers, and

Resolved, That the Synod is especially indebted to the ladies of the congregation, who have ministered to their temporal wants with delicious and wholesome meats and drinks, serving with the zeal of Martha in the tender devotion of Mary, and

Resolved, That the Synod expresses its appreciation of the services in the evening of the first day of its session, especially of the organist and choir, who assisted so acceptably in the service of song.

ARTICLE XX.

THE TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

The Treasurer presented the following account, which was referred to the Committee on the Treasurer's Account, and their report was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on the Treasurer's Account report that they have examined the Treasurer's accounts with the vouchers, and find them correct, and that there is a balance due the Synod of fifty-three dollars and sixty-two cents ($53.62.)

Resolved, That the thanks of Synod be extended to Mr.

Brouwer for his faithful administration of the duties of Treasurer.

The account is subjoined.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. GARDNER, *Chairman.*

PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK, in account with

THEOPHILUS A. BROUWER, *Treasurer.*

		Dr.	
1885.			
May 6.	To Cash	Balance due Treasurer on old account.....	$16 88
" 20.	"	paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt for traveling expenses, stationery, etc.....	1
" 20.	"	paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt for postage.....	2 75
" 20.	"	paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt for doorkeeper at Yonkers, N. Y.....	5
" 20.	"	paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt for binding Minutes 1874–1883.....	1 25
Aug. 26.	"	paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt for salary as Stated Clerk to May, 1886.....	100
Dec. 11.	"	paid Hosford & Sons for printing Minutes of 1885 (450 copies).....	131 50
1886.			
May 4.	"	Balance due Synod to new account.....	53 62
			$312

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1885.			
June 24.	By Cash from	Rev. W. H. DeHart, Treasurer, North Classis of Long Island.....	$49
" 26.	" "	Rev. R. G. Strong, Treasurer, South Classis of Long Island.....	45
July 21.	" "	Robert. B. Shepard, Esq., Treasurer, Classis of Hudson.....	25
Oct. 8.	" "	Rev. W. H. Vroom, Treasurer, Classis of Kingston.....	33
" 27.	" "	Rev. W. I. Brown, Treasurer, Classis of Orange.....	46
Dec. 11.	" "	Rev. J. A. Harper, Treasurer, Classis of Westchester.....	32
1886.			
Jan. 20.	" "	Rev. Carlos Martyn, Treasurer, Classis of New York.....	54
" 28.	" "	Rev. A. P. Van Gieson, Treasurer, Classis of Poughkeepsie..	28
			$312

E. E. NEW YORK, May 4th, 1886.

THEOPHILUS A. BROUWER,
Treasurer.

ARTICLE XXI.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL SYNOD.

The following were appointed:

Classis of Arcot.

Rev. Jacob Chamberlain, D.D., Rev. John H. Wykoff.

Classis of Hudson.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Jas. C. Garretson,	Elder Ezra Lynk,
" Wm. J. Leggett,	" Peter Hoffman,
" George Le Fevre,	" Wm. F. Crofts.

SECUNDI.

Rev. H. P. Blair,	Elder Horace Fingar,
" John G. Gebhard,	" Geo. P. Philip,
" Wm. H. Gleason, D.D.,	" J. C. Newkirk.

Classis of Kingston.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Calvin E. Lasher,	Elder DuBois Le Fevre,
" Wm. H. Vroom,	" Jacob L. Snyder,
" James M. Compton,	" S. P. Freer.

SECUNDI.

Rev. John B. Church,	Elder Cornelius Kortright,
" D. B. Wyckoff,	" John A. Elmendorf.
" Stephen D. Noyes.	" Elijah Du Bois.

North Classis of Long Island

PRIMARII.

Rev. John H. Smock.	Elder Daniel V. Weeks.
" Robert Barr.	" George Wheeler.
" E. Gutweiler.	" M. G. Van Winckler.
" John M. Wagner.	" Peter Richter.

SECUNDI.

Rev. R. P. Terhune, D.D.	Elder James L. Hoagland.
" Wm. H. De Hart.	" Stephen Rider.
" W. S. Crammer.	" Cornelius Rapelye.
" Franz Hartig.	" Herman Oberpriek.

South Classis of Long Island.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Nicholas Pearse.	Elder Ditmas Jewell.
" Daniel Van Pelt.	" H. D. Van Order.
" Robert G. Strong.	" Bernardus Laraciere.

SECUNDI.

Rev. A. P. Stockwell.	Elder Nicholas Ryder.
" John S. Gardner.	" L. V. D. Hardenburgh.
" A. R. Thompson, D.D.	" R. L. Van Kleek, M.D.

Classis of New York.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Edward B. Coe, D.D.	Elder H. P. Allen.
" John H. Oerter, D.D.	" Wm. Bogardus.
" William W. Clark.	" I. N. Perlee.
" Carlos Martyn.	" W. H. Jackson.

SECUNDI.

Rev. George H. Smith.	Elder John Graham.
" F. C. Erhart.	" D. R. Hitchcock.
" A. J. Park.	" N. S. King, M.D.
" G. S. Plumley.	" C. Krausch.

Classis of Orange.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Richard De Witt.	Elder J. Hill.
" George D. Lydecker.	" J. G. Gray.
" Goyn Talmage, D.D.	" F. G. Bonnell.
" H. L. Rex.	" D. S. De Witt.

SECUNDI.

Rev. H. V. S. Myers, D.D.	Elder A. Kidd.
" J. Hutchins.	" S. V. Moore,
" P. K. Hagerman.	" C. Decker.
" H. Hageman, Jr.	" S. Van Inwagen.

Classis of Poughkeepsie.

PRIMARII.

Rev. A. P. Van Gieson, D.D.	Elder J. B. Jones.
" C. W. Fritts.	" Abram Vauck.
" J. Elmsdorff, D. D.	" James A. Seward.

SECUNDI.

Rev. H. Ward.	Elder D. C. Foster.
" M. B. Thomas.	" John S. Gilbert.
" C. H. Polhemus.	" Walter Brett.

Classis of Westchester.

PRIMARII.

Rev. John A. Todd, D.D.	Elder Theodotus Burwell.
" William Brush.	" George Stewart.
" Wm. E. Turner.	" James B. Gregory, M.D.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Lawrence H. Van Dyck.	Elder Alvah Newman.
" William W. Rand, D.D.	" Jacob Dusenbury.
" James E. Graham.	" James S. Van Court.

ARTICLE XXII.

INSTRUCTIONS TO DELEGATES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXIII.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Synod adjourned to meet in Annual Session in the First Reformed Church of Claverack, N. Y., on the first Tuesday of May, 1887, at 3 o'clock, P.M.

CLOSE OF SYNOD.

The Minutes were read and approved, the roll was called, and the Synod adjourned after prayer and the pronouncing of the Apostolic Benediction by the President.

Signed,

CORNELIUS L. WELLS, *President.*
CHARLES W. FRITTS, *Vice-President.*

JOHN G. GEBHARD,
JOHN H. GILLESPIE, } *Temporary Clerks.*

Official Copy.

DANIEL VAN PELT, *Stated Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

PRESIDENTS AND PLACES OF MEETING OF THIS SYNOD SINCE THE RE-ORGANIZATION OF THE PARTICULAR SYNODS, 1870–1886.

DATE.	PRESIDENT.	PLACE.
1870—	Rev. M. S. Hutton, D.D.	Yonkers.
1871—	Rev. Goyn Talmage	Flushing.
1872—	Rev. E. P. Rogers, D.D.	Rhinebeck.
1873—	Rev. John A. Todd, D.D.	Tarrytown, (1st.)
1874—	Rev. G. H. Mandeville, D.D	Poughkeepsie, (2d.)
1875—	Rev. John McC. Holmes, D.D.	Brooklyn, (1st.)
1876—	Rev. David Inglis, D.D.	Port Jervis.
1877—	Rev. Joachim Elmendorf, D.D.	Yonkers.
1878—	Rev. Alex. R. Thompson, D.D.	Newburgh.
1879—	Rev. Charles I. Shepard	Greenpoint.
1880—	Rev. William Ormiston, D.D.	Mount Vernon.
1881—	Rev. David Cole, D.D.	Montgomery.
1882—	Rev. Polhemus Van Wyck	Jamaica, L. I.
1883—	Rev. Ezekiel C. Scudder, M.D.	Brighton Heights, (S.I.)
1884—	Rev. David N. Vanderveer	New York, (South.)
1885—	Rev. Herman C. Berg	Yonkers.
1886—	Rev. Cornelius L. Wells, D.D.	Newburgh.

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THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN THE FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF CLAVERACK, N. Y., ON THE 3D OF MAY, 1887, AT 3 O'CLOCK, P. M., AND ADJOURNED AT 1 O'CLOCK, P. M., OF THE SECOND DAY OF THE SESSION.

FORMATION OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

Synod was opened with prayer by the President of the last Synod, the Rev. C. L. Wells, D.D., who preached the sermon before Synod on the evening of the first day of the Session from 1 Tim. 3 : 16, "And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Classis of Arcot.—Minister—Jacob Chamberlain, D.D., M.D.

Classis of Hudson.— Ministers—William Veenschoten,

George D. Lydecker, William J. Leggett. *Elders*—J. C. Benham, M.D., Richard Becker, Thos. Elmendorf, Henry Smith.

Classis of Kingston.—Ministers—Abel H. Huizinga, Wm. W. Schomp, James M. Compton. *Elder*—Asa Le Fevre.

North Classis of Long Island.—Minister—Wm. Stockton Cranmer. *Elders*—F. A. Lancashire, Herman H. Shook, Daniel V. Weeks, Ernest W. Traudt.

South Classis of Long Island.—Minister—C. L. Wells, D.D.

Classis of New York.—Ministers—Alfred H. Demarest, J. M. Dickson, D.D., E. S. Fairchild. *Elders*—John S. Bussing, H. Camerden, Jr., W. H. Jackson, H. P. Allen.

Classis of Orange.—Ministers—H. Müller, Samuel Millett. *Elders*—J. V. Morrison, D. S. Mapes.

Classis of Poughkeepsie.—Minister—J. E. Lyall. *Elder*—Isaac Riggs.

Classis of Westchester.—Ministers—James Bolton, J. Joseph Rankin. *Elder*—Alvah Newman.

ARTICLE III.

MODERATORS.

The Rev. Jacob Chamberlain was elected President, and the Rev. J. M. Dickson, Vice President. The Revs. J. J. Rankin and A. H. Demarest were elected Temporary Clerks.

ARTICLE IV.

MINUTES AND BEQUEST.

The Minutes of the Session of 1886 were read and the printed record of them approved. The bequest of the Rev. Elias Van Bunschoten was read.

ACTS OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Rules of Order were read.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were the Standing Committees:

ON SYNODICAL MINUTES.—*Ministers*—E. S. Fairchild, James M. Compton, Geo. D. Lydecker. *Elders*—Daniel V. Weeks, J. V. Morrison, Alvah Newman.

ON CLASSICAL MINUTES.—*Arcot.*— — —— ——— *Hudson.*—Rev. Samuel Millett. *Elder*—Isaac Riggs. *Kingston.*—Rev. W. S. Cranmer. *Elder*—H. Camerden, Jr. *North Long Island.*—Rev. James Bolton. *Elder*—Richard Becker. *South Long Island.*—Rev. Geo. D. Lydecker. *Elder*—D. S. Mapes. *New York.*—Rev. A. H. Huizinga. *Elder*—Daniel V. Weeks. *Orange.*—Rev. E. S. Fairchild, *Elder*—F. A. Lancashire. *Poughkeepsie.*—Rev. W. W. Schomp. *Elder*—Asa Le Fevre. *Westchester.*—Rev. J. E. Lyall. *Elder*—Henry Smith.

ON CLASSICAL REPORTS, OR STATE OF RELIGION.—*Ministers*—Wm. Veenschoten, W. W. Schomp, Abel H. Huizinga. *Elders*—J. C. Benham, Thos. Elmendorf, H. H. Shook.

ON THE TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.—*Ministers*—C. L. Wells, W. J. Leggett, J. J. Rankin. *Elders*—John S. Bussing, F. A. Lancashire, J. C. Benham.

ON OVERTURES AND JUDICIAL BUSINESS.—*Ministers*—J. E. Lyall, H. Müller, Jas. Bolton. *Elders*—H. P. Allen, H. Camerden, Jr., Asa Le Fevre.

ON NOMINATIONS.—*Ministers*—C. L. Wells, Abel H. Huizinga, W. S. Cranmer. *Elders*—W. H. Jackson, Ernest W. Traudt, J. V. Morrison.

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

A communication was received from the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, asking that the Rev. T. S. Brown, of Chatham, N. Y., be allowed to present the interests of said Board before Synod.

A communication was verbally conveyed by the Stated Clerk, to the effect that Elder John S. Bussing and himself had been appointed by the Board of Domestic Missions to present the interests of that Board before Synod.

A communication was received from the Fair St. Reformed Church, Kingston, N. Y., inviting Synod to meet there at its next annual session, in 1888.

ARTICLE IV.

GENERAL SYNOD.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Synodical Minutes would respectfully report, that they have examined the Minutes of the Particular Synods of Chicago, New Brunswick, Albany and New York, together with the Minutes of General Synod for 1886. They find nothing requiring special attention, other than the commendation of Committee on Foreign Missions in their admirable Report, page 89 of Minutes of General Synod. They also take occasion to note the concurrent testimony of the Reports of the Particular Synods as to advanced prosperity of the churches within their bounds; the growth in grace, and the unity of spirit, in the bonds of peace.

E. T. FAIRCHILD, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE V.

OTHER PARTICULAR SYNODS.

Copies of the Minutes of the Particular Synods of Albany,

Chicago, and New Brunswick, were received and referred to the Committee on Synodical Minutes.

ARTICLE VI.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE VII.

CLASSICAL REPORTS.

The Committee on Classical Reports, or the State of Religion, reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Classical Reports, or the State of Religion, beg leave to report as follows: The reports of all the Classes belonging to the Synod have been examined, and we find that they are pervaded by a spirit of hopefulness and gratitude. From the statistical tables we learn the following:

Number of Churches, 155, an increase of one; number of Ministers, 179, an increase of two; number of Families, 14,994, an increase of twenty-three; number received on Confession, 1,829, an increase of 266; number received on Certificate, 906, an increase of seventy-six; number of Communicants, 28,703, an increase of 323; number of Infants Baptized, 1,444, an increase of 137; number of Adults Baptized, 413, a decrease of thirteen; number of Baptized Non-Communicants, 4,804, a decrease of 1,049; number of Catechumens, 10,631, an increase of 222; number of Sabbath Schools, 296, a decrease of three; Total enrollment, 36,504, a decrease of 2,637; Contributions for Benevolence, $106,575.82, an increase of $3,099.38; Contributions for Congregational Purposes, $328,966.62, an increase of $23,168.42.

Your Committee refrain from further comment, as all the information may easily be obtained from the several reports of the Classes themselves.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WM. VEENSCHOTEN, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF ARCOT.

We have nothing of very great interest to report. The Lord has been with us during the year, and has given us some tokens of His blessing, but we desire and look for greater things. One hundred and three (103) persons have been added to our churches on confession of their faith, and we trust all the communicants are growing in grace and knowledge. The Lord has called home one of our native pastors, the Rev. Andrew Sawyer; he was a noble and faithful man, mighty in the Scriptures, a fine preacher, and almost without a fault. One such fruit of Divine Grace goes far towards paying for all the church is doing in this land. God grant that many more such may be given to us. We feel more and more the need of a great outpouring of the Spirit on our work, and trust the church at home will ever remember us in their prayers.

JOHN SCUDDER, *Stated Clerk.*

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.

Your Committee would submit the following Classical Report:

The past year has been one of growth and blessing to all the churches with two exceptions.

In comparison with past years the present report is most encouraging, showing the largest number of families, the largest accessions both by confession and by certificate, the smallest losses by dismission and death, and the largest contribution for benevolent purposes in the past six years.

Several of the churches report large accession by confession, Hudson, second Claverack and first Claverack, and many of the reports speak of encouraging accessions.

We give the following *extracts* from the Reports:

First Claverack. Has prospered during the past year; nineteen young persons from the ages of ten to twenty-five have united with the Church on confession of faith.

Second Claverack. "The year has been marked by a steady growth in things spiritual and temporal. We number forty-

one more members than in last year's Report. Our contributions for religious and benevolent purposes are fifty-five per cent. larger than they were last year."

Gallatin. Reports statistics only.

Germantown. "There has been, and still is an increasing spiritual interest among the young people of the parish, exceeding that of the two years previous to this."

Greenport. "We have reduced our membership by revising our list. The year has been spent in strengthening the things that be."

Hudson. "The church reports a year of great temporal and spiritual prosperity. A thorough and efficient organization has been effected in all branches of Christian work. Much special religious interest was manifest during the winter which resulted in an encouraging addition to the membership."

Linlithgow. "It is our privilege to record thanksgiving for the abundant mercy of a Covenant God. His grace has been shown in the continuance to us of the Gospel, and in the salvation of souls by its preaching. Through the Ladies' Missionary and Aid Societies the people are being incited to put more money into the Lord's treasury."

Livingston at Linlithgo. "Have a *stated supply* for the pulpit. The church is beginning somewhat anew; things are pleasant and look promising."

Upper Red Hook. "A divine goodness has surrounded us another year and touched our life and work at many points Having been a year without a pastor we are happy that the office is again filled. Our membership has been increased by the addition of ten persons, seven of whom come from the Sabbath School."

West Copake. "We gladly record a marked unity and devotion in the church proper. Church attendance good and steady, and close attention the habit. Sunday School large

and lively. A grateful and confident and working spirit reigns."

Ministerial Changes. George D. Lydecker has been received from the Classis of Orange and installed pastor of the Church of Upper Red Hook. George Le Fevre has been relieved from the pastorate of the Livingston Church at Linlithgo and dismissed to the Presbytery of Columbia.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. J. LEGGETT, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.

Though not able to report any general spiritual awakening within its bounds during the past year, the Classis of Kingston would remark with gratitude, and lovingly record the goodness of God in His continued presence. Divine worship has been maintained, without interruption in nearly every church. Most of the churches have had additions to their rolls, though the removals by death and dismission are equal to the numbers received on confession, and the entire number named, both on confession and certificate, shows a gain of only thirty-seven, averaging a gain of less than three to each church in the Classis. May not better things be expected in the future. The benevolent contributions of the churches do not vary much from what they were last year, falling a little below, probably, the entire amount being not far from $2,000, less than one dollar for each member of our churches. With the demands of our divine Lord upon us we should desire more liberal things. We may well ask ourselves whether we are serving the Lord with our substance? The churches generally report their temporal affairs in a prosperous condition and truest harmony prevails within their borders.

Bloomingdale reports the liquidation of old debts and the beautifying of their house of worship, with promising spiritual signs.

The Clove is without a pastor, but the services have been fully maintained. A class of old men has been formed in the

Sabbath School at Alligerville, and a Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor has been started.

Dashville Falls is vacant, yet seven have been added to its membership. No steps have yet been taken toward securing a pastor.

Guilford has been characterized during the past year by a spirit of zeal and fervor in Christian work.

Hurley in its spiritual condition is much the same as a year ago. The Sabbath services are well sustained. Two prayer meetings are held during the week. The Sabbath School is in a prosperous condition.

Kingston, Fair Street, has had a good year. Notwithstanding the unpropitious weather on nearly every Sabbath through the winter the audiences have been excellent. Though there has been no marked spiritual interest some have been added to the church.

Krumville rejoices in unity and the completion of repairs to the extent of $500 on their sanctuary.

Marbletown has increased the amount of collection for missions largely by the use of mission boxes. A strenuous endeavor is being made to remove all indebtedness and to improve the interior of the church edifice.

North Marbletown has revised thoroughly its roll. The Sabbath School has increased in numbers, and the increased interest in missions is shown by increased contributions.

New Paltz has been characterized by the prevalence of harmony and good feeling among all the members. Fourteen have been added on confession, and seven by letter.

Rochester has been afflicted in the serious illness of its beloved pastor, whose complete restoration to health his brethren pray for earnestly.

Rosendale shows progress. It can no longer be said of this village that on Sabbath morning more people can be found in

the taverns than in the churches. At the last communion the pews in the body of the church were filled with communicants.

St. Remy has enjoyed a year of continual mercies, temporal and spiritual. The Sabbath evening prayer meeting has been sustained throughout the year, and a week evening prayer meeting has been established.

The following Ministerial Changes have taken place during the year:

The Licentiate Abel H. Huizinga was received from the Classis of Holland and examined June 1st, 1886. He was ordained to the work of the Gospel ministry and installed pastor of the New Paltz Church, June 22d, 1886. Rev. Richard P. Milliken was dismissed from the church of Dashville Falls, March 8th, 1887, and commended to the Classis of Newark. At the same time the pastoral relation existing between the Rev. W. H. Vroom and the Church of the Clove was dissolved and a letter given him to the Classis of Paramus.

Respectfully submitted,

S. D. NOYES, *Chairman.*

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

Your Committee on the State of Religion have received reports from the twenty-one churches of the Classis. By a comparison with last year's tables, a slight increase is shown in the revenues of the churches, and a correspondingly slight decrease in their benevolences. There have been received by the various churches, more on confession, fewer by letter, in all, the same number as during the previous year. There have been fewer losses by death and dismissal. Notwithstanding, the total number of communicants is less by nearly four hundred. Some of the churches have revised their rolls most completely. Your Committee would call attention to the increased church attendance everywhere reported, and to the significant and encouraging frequency with which the work among the Sunday Schools and the youth of the Classis is spoken of.

We quote from the Consistorial Reports:

Newtown reports improvements in the church edifice, and says: "While we are not permitted to proclaim a large accession to the membership of the church, by which the prosperity of a church is usually rated, we nevertheless have reason to make mention of the manifestation of the divine presence and power in what God has prompted his people to do for the interests of his cause."

Oyster Bay. "Our church, though small, may be called thrifty. The Sunday School is doing well, and we must naturally look for the church's increase from a well-trained and well-taught Sunday School."

Flushing exhibits a mingling of light and shade. It reports gains and losses, and concludes: "In the present location of the church edifice, the prospect is but poor for filling up our depleted ranks, at least in such a way as to maintain our financial resources unimpaired."

Astoria. "Our church is no larger this year; we believe it is stronger every way. * * * Large gains have been offset by rapid changes in the population. * * * We point with gratitude to the finances of the church, * * * and give thanks to God for a prosperous year."

Greenpoint. "Our Sabbath congregations have, on the whole, been larger than in former years. A young people's Society of Christian Endeavor has been organized. * * * The two Sunday Schools and a large Industrial School and Kitchen Garden have been maintained with gratifying suc cess. * * * Last June the entire indebtedness of the church was paid."

South Bushwick reports thirty-three accessions, and the establishment of a Young Men's Prayer Meeting. "God has in the past been good to us, and the future lies before us with very great opportunities for serving Him. Our Sunday School especially offers a field for work in the very large number of young men and women attending its sessions."

Second Reformed, Astoria, contemplates enlarging its Sunday School quarters. "The attendance upon the regular Sabbath Services has been fair. Peace and harmony prevail. Our contributions to religious and benevolent purposes have increased."

East Williamsburg has been supplied once or twice a month by two of its neighboring pastors. Evangelistic services have been recently held, and "it is expected that quite a number will unite with the church. * * * While the church is very weak, we are glad to record this light spot in its history."

Queens. "The past year, though not marked with any special advance in any one direction, has seen the good work maintained along the whole line."

Sayville, in the absence of a pastor, reports two accessions.

Locust Valley. "The great enemy of the church at Locust Valley is the saloon. The two do not and will not harmonize, and cannot. The saloon has the patronage. We have only three male members of the church in attendance."

College Point. "Our church income represents thrice as many contributors as a year ago. * * * There has been an increase in the attendance upon our Sunday Services, especially among the younger members of our church."

First Long Island City. "During the year twelve have united with the church. Of that number, seven are from the Sunday School, where the work is at present marked by a growing earnestness, and deep missionary spirit. * * * The future of the church is hopeful."

Jericho "has been supplied with preaching another year." That is the substance of its sad report.

Hicksville. "By great effort our church was enabled to have preaching Sabbath evenings during seven months of the year, the audiences being mostly young people. * * *

Our work is beginning to make itself felt: through our influence the stores have been closed on the Lord's day."

Jamaica reports an increased attendance and interest all round. In the absence of a pastor, the laity seem to have been more than usually zealous. A series of Sunday afternoon meetings for young men have been successful beyond all expectation. The neighboring churches have been called upon to aid in the work. Large accessions are expected at the next communion, and the church revenue has been considerably increased.

N. Hempstead. "The outlook is cheering; attendance is good, and on the increase. More of interest now in regard to church matters * * * than for many years past. A new parsonage has been erected."

First Reformed, Bedford Ave., Brooklyn. "Notwithstanding a number of changes, we have steadily gained in membership, and in attendance upon our services. * * * At the communion of last Sunday, we were refreshed by the addition to our membership of seventeen (17) on confession, and by the evident tokens of a renewed and deepened interest."

Bushwick, in the absence of a pastor, reports only a revision of the roll.

German Evangelical, Jamaica. "Our contributions to the different Boards are larger than in the preceding year. Our Sunday School is in better condition than ever before." After speaking of the erection of a parsonage, the resolution is recorded to become a self-sustaining church.

German Evangelical, Brooklyn, presents a full and encouraging report. The Sunday Schools are well filled, and in a flourishing condition. A normal class of fifty young men and women, under the pastor's charge, has been established. Fifteen hundred dollars has been paid on the church debt.

Ministerial Changes. The Rev. John C. Guenther was received by certificate from the Newark Presbytery, October

28th, 1886, and installed pastor of the German Evangelical, St. Peter's Church, Brooklyn, E. D; the pastoral relation between the Rev. John M. Wagner and that church having been dissolved May 3d, 1886. The pastoral relation between the Rev. G. Van Emmerik and the Reformed Church of Sayville was dissolved on the 1st of June, 1886. The pastoral relation between the Rev. Wm. H. De Hart and the Reformed Church of Jamaica was dissolved on the 1st of January, 1887, and he was dismissed to the Classis of Albany. The pastoral relation between the Rev. Robert H. Barr and the Reformed Church of Bushwick was dissolved on the 1st day of January, 1887.

WM. STOCKTON CRANMER, *Chairman.*

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

The Committee on the State of Religion beg leave to present the following Report:

It is a matter of regret that so many of our churches have neglected to send a summary of the year's work. Of the eighteen churches of the Classis one is completely silent, while four furnish the statistical table only. The reports that have been sent all bear the same impress of loyalty to the Master, thankfulness for past blessings and a cheerful confidence in the future. In no one of them can there be detected any sign of failure or thought of discouragement. The Gospel in its power and purity has been preached and men have been asked for Christ's sake to be reconciled to God. We rejoice that so many have accepted this invitation. God's Spirit has not been manifested in all alike, for with some it has been the gentle dropping, but with others the gracious and refreshing shower, while one of our number has not received from the world a single witness to the efficacy of the Gospel. The amount contributed for benevolence has slightly decreased.

Brooklyn sends no report. Without a pastor.

Flatbush informs Classis; "That the ordinary means of grace have been diligently employed for the uplifting of God's people in the divine life and for the salvation of souls. That the ordinances of religion have been carefully observed,

that the sacraments of the Church have been duly administered and there has been a healthy growth of spiritual life in the congregation. The Word of God in accordance with the doctrines of the Church has been preached in its purity, and that our pastor has statedly preached on the Heidelberg Catechism, and otherwise fulfilled his pastoral duties most acceptably to the Congregation. * * * All of the regular and special services of the church have been well attended and sustained with growing interest during the year." The work of the Sunday School has been blessed. There are two Bible classes conducted by the pastor, an Adult Bible Class and the Young Convert's Bible Class. The latter "is more especially designed to foster the spirit of prayer and to familiarize and prepare these young converts for the active duties of the Christian life."

Flatbush Mission. The Mission Chapel was established originally for the benefit of the colored people, and at one time there were about one hundred colored scholars in the school. But as many of the colored people have died or moved away "a remarkable transition has taken place, and we now find it a most flourishing mission, to supply the same moral and religious want in the constantly growing white population in the same district of the town, and only incidently for the colored people." This Mission under the care of Mr. William H. Boocock of our Theological Seminary has prospered greatly.

New Utrecht. "The consistory in submitting to Classis another year's report of the church at New Utrecht feel justified in saying that the interests of religion have received devoted attention, and in certain respects have been advanced. Some progress may be indicated by the fact that among our people the grace of beneficence develops more and more. In a good spirit the usual work of the church has been prosecuted and some have been added to its communion. The results of the year are in the main satisfactory, and while leading to thankfulness also quicken desire and prayer for such an enlarged manifestation of the Divine Presence as shall gladden all hearts, bring all into gracious covenant with God and enlist them in the service of His Son, Jesus Christ."

Gravesend. "The church is in an excellent spiritual and financial condition. The means of grace are well attended both on the Lord's day and during the week. Collections have been taken for all the benevolent Boards and Funds of our church. The Sabbath Schools are both in a flourishing condition. The losses by death and dismissions are somewhat in excess of previous years."

Flatlands. "The blessing of God has rested upon our church in larger measure than for several years. God's Spirit has been manifestly present. Extra services were continued for some time after the Week of Prayer, and there was an ingathering of precious souls, all from the young. The Sunday Schools are in a flourishing condition, and are doing a good work for the Master. A Young Men's prayer meeting has just been established from which we hope much. The benevolent contributions, though not so large as last year, still are worthy of commendation. With sorrow we note the fact that we have suffered from an unusually large number of deaths. Among these, an honored elder of the church, whose wise counsel and consistent Christian life had endeared him to us all, and whose presence we so sadly miss. For the present we thank God, and look with confidence to the future."

New Lots has had a season of spiritual refreshing. "In the early part of the winter, we held frequent religious services in the homes of our people. We began special chapel services in January, and from that time have continued them, with more or less frequency, through the remaining portion of the winter. The young became especially interested, and a goodly number united with the church. We are subject to changes in our community, by reason of the sale of properties, and the encroachment of the city, but as we have grown during the past year numerically and financially, we are encouraged in view of the future."

East New York thus thankfully recounts the past year: "The year just closed has been one for which we would give hearty thanks again to the great Head of the Church, because of the unity and harmony which have prevailed among

us as a congregation. The Gospel preached by our pastor has been such as to interest the congregation, who have listened with marked attention, and it has been preached in all its fullness. The attendance at the Sabbath morning service has been and is encouraging. The evening service and the weekly prayer meeting are both better attended than they were. The interest manifested by the congregation in benevolence remains the same, and is very considerable. The Sabbath School is in a very prosperous condition."

South Brooklyn regards the future as full of encouragement. "The church has advanced in every department of its life and effort during the past year, and was never more prosperous than now in every respect, save the power of entire self support. This latter ability however, we are rapidly regaining, and each succeeding year in a rapidly increasing ratio. Steps have recently been taken which will result in giving us a more desirable and durable parsonage property, with probably such a decrease of standing indebtedness as will reduce the church expences on this account to a very small amount. All the circumstances of the church's are therefore extremely healthful and encouraging, and at the present rate we way fully expect that in another year or two we will be entirely freed from the necessity of receiving that financial aid which we cannot as yet wholly relinquish with safety. When this blessing is realized we will be enabled to go forward with untrammeled energies in the work which the Lord has given us to do in this place. And then, as now, to His name shall be all the glory."

Middle Brooklyn. No report.

Twelfth Street rejoices because "the blessing of the Lord has rested upon our church during the past year. The services of the Sanctuary have been uniformly well sustained. The home Sunday School continues in marked prosperity, and our Mission School is doing an important work. The prayer meetings are largely attended. The young people are actively engaged in church work, and faithful women in Missionary and Benevolent Associations are advancing the

best interests of the church. With gratitude for the past, confidence in the present, and hope for the future, we enter upon another year of labor for our Lord."

North Church. The large amount of money raised for congregational purposes, tells us what manner of people they are. The report is, "We have had the manifest presence of the Spirit of God during the year prompting to earnest work, and to liberality amounting to sacrifice. Attendance on all the services has increased. Souls have been born into the kingdom. There have been recent conversions in the Sunday School. The financial outlook is promising, and the future looks bright and hopeful. We pray that the Master may yet bring us out of all our trials into a broad place, prepared to do Him faithful service."

The Church-on-the-Heights says: "It is doubtless deserving of special mention in this Report, that the Church-on-the-Heights has made an earnest effort during the year to consolidate with the First Reformed Church of Brooklyn. Negotiations looking to this end have occupied almost the entire ecclesiastical year, and they have, as we deeply regret to state, quite failed of their object. Naturally this has proved prejudicial to our spiritual interests, they having been for the time so largely over-shadowed by temporal issues. This is evinced especially in smaller accessions to the home church and lessened interest in the prayer meeting. Sabbath attendance has been about as for the past few years, and the high average of benevolent contributions has been sustained. In these later months the hand of death has been very heavily laid upon us, and we note especially with great sadness and a deep sense of our loss, the summons to Deacon David Moffat, Jr., for the past few years a faithful and honored member of this consistory, to come up higher. The opening year, is not, however, without hopeful and pleasing tokens of God's favor. Among such may be noted the provision by subscription already made against a deficiency in the current expenses of the church for the ensuing twelve months.

At Bethany Chapel there have been unusually large accessions to the membership of the church, and never has the work

there been more prosperous and the outlook more promising than at present, under the leadership of the Rev. A. R. Thompson, D.D."

Canarsie assures Classis that "We have reason to praise the Lord with grateful hearts for His gracious presence and help during the year. Blessed by him both internally and externally, we have been permitted to dwell under the shadow of his wings. Peace and harmony prevail in our little church. The Word of God has been preached in its purity, the faithful have been edified, the awakened directed to Christ, and the impenitent faithfully admonished to turn to God. We are increasing gradually. Seven persons have united with the church. We have to labor with a mixed population constantly changing either from habit or fluctuation of business. To effect anything they must be visited in their homes, opportunities sought and improved. With such zeal, devotion, patience and faith are required. During the year we have had one service on Sabbath and a weekly prayer meeting for our youth, in which we gave Catechetical instruction. We also have a flourishing Sabbath School of eighty children."

Second Flatbush. No report.

Bedford. No report.

St. Thomas. No report.

New Brooklyn is blessed in that, "The smile of the risen Redeemer is still upon us. The report of last year could be verbatim this year's, with the addition that the newly organized missionary work among the old and the young people and in the Sunday School has shown good results, and is on the increase. Members are added to the church. Continued blessings in all the departments of church work are visible. The enlarging of the parsonage by the Ladies' Society might also be mentioned here. Oh Lord leave us not alone, continue thou in our midst."

Ocean Hill, in sending to Classis the report of its first full year of organization comes with the song of thanksgiving,

voicing the words of the Psalmist: "The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad." While we have had good success and great encouragement in the establishment of this young church, still the wheels of progress have been retarded in a measure by the disadvantage of our place of worship, and besides, three other churches have been started and organized, and located not more than a block distant, which have drawn from us to some extent, on account of denominational preferences. We have, during the year, been engaged in building a beautiful and commodious church building, which has not its equal for the same amount of money expended in the city of Brooklyn. We had expected to have had the advantage of an earlier occupancy of our new house of worship, but the inclemency of the early winter prior to its enclosure, retarded our work so that we were unable to open it for divine service until the first Sabbath in April, and expect to be ready for dedication in about a month or over. Since our occupancy of our new church, our audiences have greatly multiplied, and our most sanguine hopes of success in this enterprise are being rapidly fulfilled, and it may be regarded no longer as an experiment, but this church will take rank among the live and prosperous churches of the city, if in its infancy for a very short time yet, it has the fostering care and co-operation of the churches of Classis, that the people be not discouraged at the outset with burdens too many for young shoulders. * * * The prayer meetings have been well attended, souls have been converted, and the membership doubled. The Sabbath School is in a flourishing condition. * * * We are now becoming equipped for a good and aggressive work in that part of the city. Our young church has been founded in faith and prayer, and the Lord has honored all our work and crowned it with success, and with glad hearts we raise our Ebenezers to-day and say, 'Hitherto hath the Lord helped us.'"

The ministerial changes are as follows: The Rev. Edwin F. See was received from the Classis of Albany. The pastoral relations were dissolved between the Bedford Church and the Rev. Walter T. Griffen; between the Church of Brooklyn and the Rev. D. N. Vanderveer, D.D.; between the Church of Gravesend and the Rev. A. P. Stockwell; be-

tween the Middle Church and the Rev. W. H. Ford. The Rev. Dr. Anson Du Bois was dismissed to the Classis of Paramus. The Rev. P. V. Van Buskirk was received from the Classis of Bergen, and installed pastor of Gravesend, March 10th, 1887. The Rev. A. J. Hageman was received from the Classis of Montgomery, and recognized as pastor of the Church of St. Thomas, Danish W. Indies. The Rev. Charles B. Chapin was received from the Presbytery of Nassau. The Rev. F. E. Schlieder was received from the Classis of Raritan. The licentiate J. Tallmadge Bergen was dismissed to Classis of Ulster.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. GARDNER, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

The present transition period of our city which dates from the successful accomplishment of "rapid transit," and which has in it startling prophecies for the future, demands of us special adaptations in our church life and church work. What a few years ago was up-town is no longer such, and in the sections thus designated, where homes lately predominated with room for their development, the boarding house and a crowded mixed foreign population have largely come in. In the vast new up-town to which so many have removed, with still more to follow, wealth and moral power must concentrate, and reach back Christian hands to districts that will otherwise become demoralized and dangerous; and, at the same time, all the power that can be retained in down-town fields must be held and utilized in earnest Christian work.

The reports of the churches, mainly within the limits of the city, indicate tendencies in right directions, and are in the main encouraging, in some instances exceedingly inspiriting.

What is inevitable in the depletion of our down-town fields need not be unduly lamented, while in up-town successes we all most heartily rejoice. We have a common cause. The consummation is yet future. Our business is to suit ourselves to the changing conditions, and to arm ourselves for the conflict in a city whose heterogeneous population is ever

increasing, and in an age of privilege and responsibility the like of which the world has never seen. This we seem to be doing.

Nor are we limiting our efforts to our immediate locality. The interests of the Church at large are kept in view, and for the spread of the gospel we labor and give and pray. The following churches have contributed to all the Boards: the Collegiate, Harlem Collegiate, South, Staten Island, Bloomingdale, Madison Avenue, Thirty-fourth Street, German Ev. Mission, Union, High Bridge, Fourth German, Prospect Hill, Brighton Heights, German Yorkville and Grace; and our column of offerings for "Religious and Benevolent Purposes" is $6,528 in advance of what it was the previous year.

In the ingathering of souls, while we have grounds for humility and lamentation that so few "come to the solemn feasts," we have yet cause to rejoice. With special services reported in but one case, the accessions to membership on confession of faith have been 730, or 241 more than during the preceding year. The number received on certificate have also exceeded those of last year by 111; while the dismissions and deaths have been seventy less. The total reported membership is 698 more than last year, and the total Sabbath School enrollment 624 more.

The reports generally are in a very hopeful strain. In church, Sabbath School and Missionary Work, including the Ladies Missionary efforts, in so far as they are referred to those, there is much to awaken gratitude and praise.

The Collegiate reports are follows: "The usual quiet and orderly progress of affairs among us has been diversified during the past year by two disagreeable circumstances. One is the serious and prolonged illness of the junior minister. Early in November last, the Rev. Dr. Coe was laid aside from service by an attack, so severe, that although it was ultimately broken, and there is now no reason to doubt as to his complete recovery, yet we have felt constrained to ask him to relinquish all pulpit duty until September next. The other is the removal of the church building in Lafayette Place. The church-going population of that part of the city had so greatly decreased that it did not seem possible to restore the congregation worshipping there to its ancient num-

bers and prosperity. The Consistory therefore leased the ground for secular purposes, and possession was given on the first day of March. At the same time a dwelling at No. 14 Lafayette Place was secured, and commodiously fitted up for a chapel, and there all the services and schools of the Middle Church are maintained just as they were before, so that none of the former members of the congregation are left without a place of worship. It is pleasant to add that a site has been secured west of the Central Park for a new church, to meet the wants of our own people, and others who are rapidly filling up that part of the city. When we made our last report, both the De Witt Chapel and the Knox Memorial Chapel were destitute of the services of a Stated Minister. But we are happy to be able to say that before midsummer both vacancies were acceptably supplied, and the work of the missions has been carried on with vigor and success."

The Harlem Collegiate reports: "The Church of Harlem within the year 'has become two bands.' Through divine guidance, the selection and settlement of an associate pastor, the division of the congregation, the doubling of Consistory have been effected with entire harmony and cordiality. While the prosperity of the old 'Worshipping Assembly' has continued, the new one has been received with great favor by the people among whom it was established. Since the new church was dedicated, ninety-five have been received into its communion by certificate, and sixty-six by confession of faith. In both churches, the thorough organization, efficient administration, and faithful work of the Sabbath Schools have accomplished grand results, and are making bright promises for the future. Equally earnest is the spirit, and successful the efforts of our Ladies' Missionary and Philanthropic Organizations, and our Young People's Associations. The Lord of the Harvest is graciously quickening the laborers and is making our field fruitful, to Whom be all the praise."

The South Church reports: "The peculiar character of our work lies in the departure for higher seats of dwelling places in the city, and places in the Heavenly Jerusalem of the wealthy members of the church. Their places are being taken up by a boarding-house population, who, being with

us only for a season, bring *no* letters of membership, and an equal amount of financial aid. Consequently, congregation increasing, income, and membership at a standstill."

Manor Chapel, (of South Church) reports: "The past year has been most decidedly the best Manor Chapel has yet seen. The spiritual interest is apparent in the fact that during the past six months, thirty-five were received into full communion. Another measure of our spiritual condition is found in the increased attendance at prayer meeting—averaging over eighty for the past three months. The financial condition also has greatly improved—almost a hundred and fifty per cent. over last year—through the faithful use of the card and envelope system. Our whole work has assumed a permanency which wins the respect of the community, and promises independent church life very soon."

Staten Island reports: "The addition to our membership during the year has not been large, but we have reason to be thankful for the measure of prosperity granted us in other ways. The various services of the church have been well attended and the interest in the different departments of work has been sustained. At the two prayer meetings the attendance has increased considerably and a like advance has been made in the Sabbath Schools. While the Consistory lament that there have not been more to confess their faith in Christ, we find encouragement in the quickening of many within the church and in the signs they give of increased activity in the Master's service. The year, we may say, has been one of prosperity both temporal and spiritual."

Bloomingdale reports: "The year with us has been one of steady growth and increased activity in every department of our church life. We are putting our work on an aggressive basis. The outlook is bright. We anticipate and pray and labor for an advance all along the line. We have taken for our watchword this part of God's command to Moses: 'Speak unto the people that they go forward.'"

Madison Avenue reports: "Since the last statistical report to Classis, our former pastor, Rev. Dr. E. A. Reed, resigned,

and the Rev. Dr. A. E. Kittredge accepted the call of the church and was installed as pastor.

"During the time intervening between the change of pastors one communion service was held, and we acknowledged with sincere thanksgiving that God gave us the evidence of His presence by the addition of two on confession of their faith.

"Our present pastor began his ministry on the first Sabbath of September, and from that day to the present God has graciously shown His favor to us and His smile has rested upon us. Our first communion was had in October, and at that session thirty-three united with us, of which five were on confession. This was but the sprinkle before the shower, for at next communion service, which occurred two months later, thirty-two came out for the Lord, and forty united by letter from other churches. When again the time of another communion arrived our hearts were gladdened with the accession of ninety, of which forty partook of the communion for the first time. Thus has God most graciously blessed us with the power of the Holy Spirit. In the prayer meeting also has the presence of God's grace been evident. Our room is crowded and the interest of every one has deepened. The Sabbath School increased in attendance, as it naturally would from the increase of the congregation. As we write this Report we look forward to the next communion, which occurs on the third Sunday in April, with assurances that our hearts will again be made glad, as nearly a score have already signified their intention to declare for Christ at that time, and as many more by letter. We can also report that the various interests of the church have been organized for work. The young men have formed an Association and have meetings for social and literary purposes, as well as for bi-weekly prayer meeting. A circulating library has been given them, and a reading room is open three evenings a week. The ladies have two organizations for benevolent work; one of these has an industrial school in successful operation, and sends some to different hospitals for Sabbath School work; the other sends help to our missionaries in the West, conducts a Foreign and Domestic Auxiliary Society, and a weekly prayer meeting. The children have also been formed into a working band for the Master. One of our most important branches of Christian work has for years been a branch school which has been main-

tained in the destitute portion of the city near the East River. A school of an average attendance of 450 scholars and forty teachers meets every Sabbath during the year, and has out grown our facilities. We record also God's mercy in helping us meet the financial demands upon the church, both in the current expenses and the outside charities. Thus in every department we report an active and vigorous life, working for the Master."

Thirty-fourth Street reports: "During the year the church has held its own nobly, notwithstanding its environments, and is to-day in a very hopeful condition. All the services have been encouragingly attended, and while the additions to the church have not been large, they have been cheering; thirteen out of twenty having been young men. The ladies have shown more than usual interest in all departments of work. Through their Foreign and Domestic Missionary Society they have given more for the spread of the Gospel than in any previous year. They have also continued their organization as a Woman's Aid for relief in the immediate home field, and are in the main supporting a missionary to work in connection with the Sabbath School. They maintain a weekly prayer meeting which has been attended, as regularly as possible, by about forty of their number. The Young People's Association too has been active in sustaining a weekly prayer meeting of their own, and in other services for the good of the church. The Sabbath School has contributed to Foreign and Domestic Missions, and in addition to this and the ladies' contributions, the church has given as usual to all the Boards, while the first prayer meeting in each month has been in the interests of Missions. The uptown movement has taken, and will still take several of our families, but they have selected homes on the line of the elevated road, and will continue their support. Altogether, the outlook is encouraging, and especially as we are taking hold of missionary work in the neighborhood of the church with renewed zeal. Our church building, after the lapse of twenty-five years, needed a new roof and other external repairs, all of which have been attended to without increase of debt."

German Evangelical Church reports: "The spiritual condition of our church is such that we can thank God and take courage. We are resolved not to die, but to live and declare the works of God. There is quite a stir among our younger members, who are beginning to take a lively interest in everything that pertains to the welfare of the church. The attendance on public worship has increased considerably of late. The Sabbath School is in a healthy state. In benevolence we have done as usual—well. On the whole, the church is in a better state than it was. *Deo soli gloria.*"

Huguenots reports: "Church services and ordinances regularly maintained—one service each Sabbath, and one Sabbath School Session. Rev. G. A. T. Goeble has steadily supplied the pulpit, and all members of the Sunday School recite the Heidelberg Catechism. Our membership is small and without ample means, but devoted to the welfare of our little Zion. Our church edifice is in good repair, and we have several acres of land surrounding it—all free from debt. We are in a position where the preaching of the gospel is greatly needed—a mile from any other church. We hold a missionary field, sparsely settled at present, but with recent greatly increased railroad facilities to and from New York, we have reason to expect an increase in our population. But we still need help in sustaining the ordinances."

St. Paul's, Mott Haven reports: "A year of steady, quiet church work, rewarded with encouragement and blessing. A goodly number has been added on confession. The year has been one of harmony and prosperity."

Union, High Bridge reports: "This church expresses its gratitude to God for a year of marked prosperity. Many accessions have been made to the membership. The Sunday School has increased in numbers. All the public services of the Sanctuary are well attended. The contributions for congregational purposes exceed those of any former year. Two weekly prayer meetings are sustained with interest, and a third one at the close of the Sabbath Services has proved very profitable. A young people's association helps the church life of the younger members. The capacity of the

present chapel has been increased by an additional wing. The building fund for the new church edifice is steadily growing, and additional land has just been purchased and paid for."

Fourth German reports: "That it has every reason to be thankful to the Lord. The attendance on the various services of the sanctuary, the spiritual state of the congregation, its outward growth, its financial condition, the harmony between pastor and people, the prosperity of the Sabbath School, all these different signs of church life, cause us to be grateful, and to go on cheerfully with the sure hope and expectation that our work done for the Master will not be in vain."

Prospect Hill reports: "Blessing the great Head of the Church for the many tokens of his favor during the past year. The Gospel has been regularly preached, the usual forms of church work have been prosecuted with the usual vigor, and altogether a year of great blessing, notwithstanding many discouragements, has been experienced. A prayer meeting carried on exclusively by the young people of the church, and an unusually vigorous Sabbath School work are specially noteworthy features of the past twelvemonth. The church regrets deeply the loss of a number of its members, some by death, most by removal to other parts of the city. This, with the discouragement arising from leaving our old church home and taking up temporary quarters in a public hall, has caused some anxious thought, but it is hoped that a new church building will be soon erected, when it is expected that the work will go on with its old time enthusiasm. The feeling of the church is 'Ebenezer'—'Jehovah Jireh.'"

Holland reports: "Although we do not have a minister, we can gladly state that the members show an interest in the church by their punctual attendance at the meetings. We still live in the hope that the Lord will send us a man who will preach us the Gospel, and attend regularly to the wants of the congregation."

Avenue B, German Evangelical, reports: "We rejoice that God has been with us in the past year. We received a large

accession of members, among them young men of promise, whose conversion in their youth affords us great hope for the future. The present and quickening power of the Holy Ghost, which this church has enjoyed for several years past, continues without abatement to the present time. The Sabbath Services and weekly meetings are enjoying an increased attendance. Our Sabbath School is overflowing. We have not room enough for it, and are seriously considering what we shall do."

Brighton Heights. Of this church, now without a pastor, we have only the statistics, but these are sufficient to show a vigorous organization, upon which the blessing of the Lord has been abundantly realized during the year. In matters spiritual and material it has manifestly been a year of progress, greatly to the credit of the church and to the pastor, Rev. W. W. Clark, who lately resigned, and to the glory of God.

Union, Sixth Avenue, reports: "Gratitude to God in its preservation as an independent church in spite of many adverse circumstances. It still maintains a staunch organization with sincere attachment to the faith of the fathers. The present year greatly cripples its resources, temporal and spiritual, by the removal of several substantial families. It asks the prayers and the active helping hand of Classis to continue its power and efficiency. Like the vision from Macedonia, it cries out in hopeful faith, "Come over and help us."

German, Norfolk Street, reports: "We have great cause for gratitude towards God for his blessing upon us in the past year. We were permitted to receive forty members on confession, and are pleased to report a better attendance upon divine worship both morning and evening. But there is also another side. If the Jews continue taking possession of tenements, thus driving the better element into another vicinity, it is to be feared that they will in the near future, crowd us out. We anticipate with pleasure the payment of the church debt of $1,000 by May 1st."

Kreischerville reports: "The church is very poor and cannot raise money for the Boards. All our members are poor factory workers. When they have paid their dues they have nothing left. We hope it will be better in the future."

German Evangelical of Yorkville reports: "Great reason for gratitude to God, for the past year has been to us a season of abundant blessings, both spiritual and temporal. The divine services were largely attended, and the preaching of the word was listened to with marked interest. Twenty-six adult members were received into the church on confession of faith. Our Sunday School is also in a flourishing condition. Within the last three years thirty-one scholars from the Bible Class were received into the church on confession, who regularly attend church services both morning and evening, with the exception of those who have moved out of town. Equally great have been the temporal blessings bestowed upon us. It was God that inclined the hearts of our people to pay liberally to our church building fund—$2,148.90, besides the salary of our pastor, the collection for the various boards of the church, and the many other expenses. With the aid of the Church Extension Committee of the Classis, we have also bought two lots in 84th Street, between First and Second Avenues, and intend to commence building the 1st of May. We have truly great reason to rejoice, and to be thankful to God."

Grace reports: "The past year has been one of struggle and up-building. At its beginning we had been organized four months, and the natural reaction from this effort, together with lack of proper accommodations for carrying on church work, made the first six months a period of severe trial. The Congregational meeting in November, our first anniversary, proved a turning point. The Consistory has been enlarged, and now numbers four elders and four deacons. The chapel continues to be largely helped by the members and Consistory of the (Collegiate) R. D. Church. But the reported contributions are those of Grace Church only. The spiritual life has been and is real. The divine blessing has attended the ministration of the Word both in church and school. With the help of Rev. Dr. A. R. Thompson, of

Brooklyn, special services were held every evening during the last fortnight of March. They were largely attended, and most inspiring. In connection with the last four communion seasons, twenty-four have confessed their faith in Christ."

The following ministerial changes have occurred: May 4th, 1886, Rev. Dr. E. A. Reed resigned the pastorate of the Madison Avenue Church. January 24th, Rev. T. J. Kommers was received from the Classis of Passaic, and is in charge of the Knox Memorial Chapel. September 22d, Rev. Dr. J. Elmendorf was received from the Classis of Poughkeepsie, and installed associate pastor of the Harlem Collegiate Church. November 3d, Rev. Dr. A. E. Kittredge was received from the Presbytery of Chicago, and installed pastor of the Madison Avenue Church. January 24th, 1887, Mr. Tabor Knox, received on examination June 24th, 1886, was dismissed to the Classis of Westchester. March 7th, Rev. W. W. Clark resigned the pastorate of the Brighton Heights church.

We have been called with sorrow to record the death of Rev. Dr. John Forsyth and Rev. Abraham Thompson.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JAMES M. DICKSON, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.

The Committee on the State of Religion beg leave to make the following report:

Reports have been received from all the churches for the first time in several years.

In comparing the present year with the preceding one we find much cause for thankfulness to God for His continued mercies. Not a single church but that has had its membership increased. Of the more than 3,000 members, only four of this large number have been suspended, showing that the Christians have endeavored to honor God by their walk and conversation. We notice these two characteristic facts, first, that of the large number received by confession, nearly two-thirds of them were from the baptized members of the

church ; proving that God is faithful to his covenant. And second, the revival of interest among the young. All the Sunday Schools are in a prosperous condition, and many of the young are consecrating themselves to God and are actively engaged in Christian work, either in carrying on the prayer meeting or fulfilling the promises of the "Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor."

The various churches report as follows :

Berea writes that they have cause to acknowledge the goodness of God shown to them in the past year. Though from their peculiar condition, they are unable to report large accessions. God has given them four (4) precious souls. The people are "peaceable, loving and harmonious." They mourn the loss of a brother beloved, and a firm supporter of the church. They feel, however, that though workers depart the work remains.

Bloomingburgh was without a pastor part of the past year, but during this time the prayer meeting was sustained, the sacraments administered and the Word of God proclaimed. Since the settlement of their pastor, seven (7) have been added to the church by confession. They mourn, however, that there is a spirit of worldliness among God's people, especially on the part of new converts. They pray for a deeper work of grace during the coming year.

Callicoon writes that the divine services of the past year have been well attended. Though some of the members live a long distance from the church and notwithstanding the long and severe winter, the attendance has never been as large as during the past year. Their Sunday School is also in a flourishing condition ; the higher class receiving instruction in the Heidelberg Catechism. They express heartfelt thankfulness for the aid received from the Board of Domestic Missions.

Cuddebackville. The year has been a quiet one. The seed has been sown and the immediate results are seen in the developing of Christian characters. A Young People's Prayer Meeting has been organized and is well sustained. The

church reports a death for the first time in over three years.

Deer Park rejoices in the way in which her people have responded to the claims placed on them. The church edifice has been restored to more than its original beauty. But because of these demands on their liberality, their collections for benevolent objects have somewhat decreased. Their membership has been increased during the year by many "whose solid and decided character is full of encouragement and furnishes cause for devout thankfulness." The membership is larger to-day than at any one time in her history.

Ellenville writes that the present report closes the fifth (5) year of the present pastorate. Since the last report God has remembered this portion of his vineyards. His work has made steady progress. The number of families is much larger than that reported last year. The report closes with these words in reference to the dissolution of the pastoral relation. "Amid these pleasant circumstances the pillar of cloud has seemed to lift for the pastor and the hand of God's Providence to point him to a new field. This has been thought upon with feelings of genuine and mutual regret both by people and pastor. But the Lord's counsel alone has been sought and in the joint request for the dissolution of the pastoral relation, the consoling thought lies in the healthy and prosperous condition of the church, and in the unbroken love and esteem which exist between pastor and people and which will continue to exist even though the formal relation is dissolved. To God be all these praises for five years of mercy and privilege!"

Fallsburgh states that her membership has been decreased by deaths and removals. Yet they have not been left without some manifestation of the spirit of God, for two have been added to the church. At South Fallsburgh special services have been held; the fruits of which are to be gathered very soon. The church with deep gratitude to God for his mercies, records the completion of the twentieth year of the present pastorate.

Kerhonkson writes in an encouraging way. The preach-

ing services have been well maintained, and at one of the out-stations there has been a marked improvement. At a recent communion three were received upon confession of their faith. The Mission Board has raised about seventy ($70) dollars by the sale of trailing arbutus and winter decorations. We are sorry to learn that the pastoral relation is to be dissolved.

Mamakating gives statistics only.

Montgomery gratefully acknowledges God as the giver of the blessings she has enjoyed. Of the large number received during the year, more than half were given to God in their infancy by pious parents, showing that God is willing to bless those who keep his covenant. The pastor states "that the graces of brotherly love and Christian benevolence which we value highly, are, through the blessing of God flourishing, and, as in the long past, still characterize the church." And also "that the Chautauqua Circle is in a flourishing condition, and a pure and high standard of reading is thus maintained in our homes."

Newburg reports that the year has been marked by no special features. The work in all departments has gone on steadily, and the results are gratifying. A quiet work of grace has been going on in the Sunday School. No less than eighteen precious souls have been received into the church during the year from the Sunday School. We are glad to notice the fact that a sincere disposition to work for Christ is widely prevalent.

New Hurley, in the words of her pastor says: "We have much cause for thankfulness. Interest in spiritual things is markedly on the increase. The recent spontaneous formation of a branch of the Y. P. Society of Christian Endeavor is one way in which this interest displays itself. We look backward with cheer and look forward with hope."

New Prospect has enjoyed a spiritual awakening during the past year. Twenty (20) have come out and confessed their love to Jesus Christ before the world. A part of this

number came from the Sunday School. For the blessings enjoyed she ascribes glory to God.

Shawangunk has had another year of blessing. Twenty-nine in all have been received by the church; a larger number than during any previous year of the present pastorate. The four weekly prayer meetings have been well sustained. The financial condition of the church is very encouraging. The increase in their gifts to the Board of Foreign Missions is due largely to the children in the Sunday School, the schools giving fully as much as the church.

Wallkill Valley also reports a year of blessing. During the year her membership has been increased not only, but many of her members are growing in grace. The prayer meetings are sustained, and the work in the Sabbath School is more encouraging than usual.

Upper Wallpack makes no report beside her statistical table.

Lower Wallpack has been encouraged by the way God has blessed the church. Seven (7) have confessed their faith in Christ. The majority of these came from the Sunday School, and all were baptized in infancy. The benevolent contributions are greatly increased over last year. The church, however, has to contend with the sin of intemperance, and the fact that some of its members are not alone lukewarm, but even like some in the church of Sardis, "with only a name to live." But no suspensions are reported.

Claraville, Grahamsville, and *Unionville* only send a partial statistical table.

Montague writes that they have been supplied by a neighboring minister, but hope to have a settled pastor very soon.

Walden reports a year of temporal prosperity, but no marked spiritual interest. The church sustained a heavy loss in the death of two of its elders, who died in a few hours of each other. Their work being done the Lord took them.

We close our report with the church of *Wawarsing*, which has been greatly blessed in a revival of religion—the largest the church has experienced in twenty years. Twenty-six have been received, and the good work still continues.

We note the following ministerial changes: The pastoral relation between Rev. G. D. Lydecker and the church of Wawarsing was dissolved August 10th, 1886, and he was dismissed to the Classis of Hudson. Rev. J. L. Stillwell was received from the Classis of Paramus October 19th, 1886, and November 10th, 1886, he was installed pastor of the church of Bloomingburgh. The pastoral relation between the Rev. W. B. Darrach and the church of Kerhonkson was dissolved April 19th, 1887. The pastoral relation between the Rev. John Hutchens and the church of Ellenville was dissolved April 19th, 1887, and he was dismissed to the Classis of New York.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN HAGEMAN, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

Gratefully we acknowledge the care of God over the churches within our bounds during another year.

Causes for rejoicing are many though some reason for regret is suggested from the fact that the members, gathered into our churches, are not so many as last year.

Our thankfulness is called forth that peace and harmony dwell in all our folds. Earnest zeal has yielded generous results in benevolent enterprises, in two churches a decided advance. The temporal concerns of our churches have been sustained liberally and successfully in every case. From all but two churches, words of cheer have been added to the statistics, and these are marks of God's gracious visitation among us.

First Poughkeepsie devoutly thanks God for prosperity. The attendance on the means of grace has been unusually large, vigor and fidelity have marked the labors in the Sabbath School and with a glad result. Twelve of the seventeen

new members on confession have come from the school. On the whole there has been a steady advance in Christian fellowship and life and efficiency.

Second Poughkeepsie has been, for a large part of the year, without a pastor, since the removal of Rev. J. Elmendorf, D.D. to Harlem. All the ordinances have been maintained. The benevolent objects of our Church have been heartily remembered. Hopeful efforts are being made and prayers to the end that God will sood send to them an under shepherd.

Fishkill gives statistics of ordinary prosperity and some tokens of God's blessing the means of grace to the salvation of souls.

Hopewell reports a quiet and steady growth of spiritual life in the hearts of many and in some directions unusual interest in the welfare of the church. Revival services at Hopewell Junction have resulted in blessing both in hearts of believers and in winning souls to Christ. Eight young persons of great promise have confessed their faith in Christ. The Y. M. C. A. of this church is doing good work, and the cause of temperance is largely agitated and advanced.

New Hackensack says the year has been an uneventful one. The means of grace have been maintained and well attended. The membership has neither increased nor diminished. the losses by death and dismission exactly balancing the accessions. A faithful response to the call of benevolence is apparent.

Hyde Park reports a year of united and hopeful work. The Sabbath School shows faithful teaching and a growing interest in Bible truth. The attendance on the ordinances has increased, and the ministry of the Word is received with lively interest. In some cases deep feeling has been expressed and a profession of faith is soon expected. A cordial sustaining of every need of the church has marked the year.

Fishkill-on-Hudson tells that the preaching of the Word and the Sacraments have been full of encouragement. The

shown on the part of the young people to the preaching of the Word and the instruction of the Sabbath School. Our church buildings have been improved during the year, and the congregations have responded generously with their means in payment of the necessary expense. Harmony and unity have prevailed among us, and as a church of Jesus Christ we are working and praying for the conversion of souls and the glory of the Master. We are happy to report on the valuable assistance rendered to us in all church work by the excellent Ladies' Aid Society, which is established in our congregation, and only wish that an equally efficient Woman's Missionary Society could be established. We have, however, in connection with the congregation on Verplanck, a Young People's Mission Band, which is growing in interest and usefulness. In our experience we find it is work and struggle and pray, and so we are hopeful that ere long will come the Song of Harvest Home, when there will be an abundant gathering into the garner of the Lord."

Fordham reports an increase in benevolent contributions; "But," so writes the pastor, "we are doing much better spiritually than financially. Recently twelve joined our communion by confession of their faith, and this is, we hope, but the beginning, as our church has never been quickened as during the latter half of this year. Since November our meetings have been filled up and laymen have begun to carry on work by themselves. We hold two meetings at the shafts on Sunday. Our Sabbath School has increased one-third. A reading-room was started, and two Gospel services held in it weekly; two Gospel meetings, one at Belmont and one at the Bleach. Surely God has greatly quickened us, and multiplied as never before Christian work in our church. We are expecting much fruit to follow this revival of Christian life in our church."

Hastings reports: The past year has been one of blessing to the church of Hastings. Indifference has yielded to earnest prayer and zealous work. The members of the church cried unto the Lord, and He heard their cry. The result is that there has been a great increase to the seed sown. Many have been turned to Christ, and some have entered the fold

of the church. The spiritual atmosphere is warmer than it has been for a long time. A new life is felt throughout the church. Attendance on the regular services larger, prayer meetings much better attended, and a great increase in the benevolent contributions.

Mount Vernon reports steady work and the divine blessing as seen in the figures of the statistical table. "There are two things in that table that we think worth calling attention to: First, the number received on confession is larger than in any previous year of the church's history; and, secondly, the amount contributed both for benevolence and congregational purposes is also in excess of former years. This certainly indicates enlarged usefulness and prosperity. Our prayer meetings have never been so well attended and our church so well supported. Some sixteen new families have connected themselves with us during the year. In spite of somewhat adverse circumstances and great changes caused by removal from the town, the Consistory feels encouraged and hopeful, because we have not only held our own, but increased. For all of which we are thankful to the God of the covenant and Christ, the Great Head of the Church."

Peekskill reports continued prosperity. A parsonage is just finished and now occupied by the pastor and his family. Thus a long-felt want is supplied, and there is great rejoicing over it among church and congregation. In regard to the spiritual condition of the church, the year has been one of steady work and progress. In the very nature of the case, much of the work is underground, laying foundations of future strength and efficiency. A woman's prayer meeting has been established, which is largely attended, and exerts a blessed influence upon the noble life of the church, strengthening and deepening its spiritual life. Another feature of success is the establishment of Catechetical classes, the result of the pastor's efforts to restore Catechetical instruction among the children of the church and Sunday School during the week. These classes are two in number, for children under and above the age of twelve years. The former numbers thirty, the latter twenty-two. Biblical history and Heidelberg Catechism are taught. As this is the result of

two years' effort and experiment we believe this work to be a permanent feature of our church work. The church is harmonious throughout; the spirit of peace and unity prevails; the prospect for greater usefulness and efficiency are bright and promising.

Tarrytown, First, reports as follows: "The year has been uneventful. Steady work, but the results it has yielded are not of the kind which statistics can show. The temporal necessities of the church have been met, and we have been able to complete some improvements in our church property, putting it in a better condition than ever before. We are glad to speak of the continued harmony, and that the several departments of our church work have been maintained. Recently we have endeavored to organize for more efficient service the young people of the church, of whom we have a good number, and our efforts in this direction promise to yield good fruit."

West Farms reports a year of sore trials, both numerically and financially, without enjoying any apparent compensating gain. She has lost two of her deacons, both young men of great promise and efficiency, one by death and one by removal from the bounds of the congregation. The attendance upon the stated preaching of the Word has been regular and about the same as in former years, but the attendance upon the prayer meeting has been less, owing to the loss of members above referred to. The Sunday School has lost three of its best and most efficient officers, a loss not only personal, but spiritual and executive. There have been no addition from the Sabbath School, and the tone of religious interest has been low and feeble. The contributions for congregational, Sunday School and benevolent purposes have been fully up to the standard of former years.

Yonkers reports: "Temporal things are in order. Attendance upon the church services, the Sunday Schools and the prayer meetings went forward during the first nine months of the year without marked change. At the beginning of February however, need arose for increasing the number of our weekly meetings to satisfy a deepening interest in spir-

itual things. The church members were much revived. The young people, and even the children became deeply moved. Many conversions have since occurred. At our last communion twenty-five new converts were received. The work is advancing; it affects all our city churches. The Lord hath done, and is doing great things for us, whereof we are glad."

Thus the churches report. The tone on the whole is encouraging. Nearly all report prosperity, peace and harmony. Three report delightful revival work, and other evidences of the Spirit's mighty power and gracious presence. While we heartily congratulate these churches, our prayer is that the blessed work may extend still further, visiting all the churches of our Classis, as well as our sister churches of other denominations.

On the other hand, we notice not the least evidence of church extension. On the contrary, as in the report of West Farms, we hear the mourning wail of serious loss, and from other weak churches we hear nothing. We would greatly desire to hear from all, and to hear of a renewed life, which might be had by earnest prayer and active work.

The Sunday Schools seem to be all in a healthy condition. Conversions among the Sunday School children appear to be very few however. Another fact your Committee noticed, that some Sunday Schools reporting a goodly number of pupils fail to report any contributions for benevolent purposes, or contributions altogether out of proportion with the number of the total enrollment. For instance, one school reports an enrollment of 536 children, and contributions amounting to $58.18. Another school reports eighty in the Sunday School, and again another forty-five, with no contributions for benevolence at all. Your Committee would kindly inquire of these schools whether the Class-Missionary-Box has been adopted by them as a permanent thing? In some instances there seems to be a curious connection between missionary collections in the Sunday Schools and children-conversions.

However, the reports of the churches fill our hearts with praise and thanksgiving; they testify that the God of the Covenant is present with His blessing and gracious Spirit in the churches of our Classis. We recognize His presence, and

render Him our hearty thanks. We would also bring to the remembrance of the churches the promises of blessing: "Open thy mouth wide and I will fill it;" and "So I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

All of which is respectfully submitted,

H. DE VRIES, *Chairman.*

Ecclesiastical Changes: Rev. John A. Todd, D.D., pastoral relation dissolved with the Second Church of Tarrytown, October 19th, 1886. Rev. Peter A. Wessels, pastoral relation with the church of Unionville dissolved April 19th, 1887, and dismissed to the Classis of Schoharie. Rev. George Rockwell, received from the Classis of Cayuga.

CLASSIS OF ARCOT.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS						POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes. R.	A.	P.	Congregational Purposes. R.	A.	P.	
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Alliendal	" "	19	1	6	...	2	...	36	5	..	9	....	2	24	7	10	4	8	10	4	" " "
Gnanodiam	" "	67	8	4	2	2	...	87	13	13	26	27	6	62	17	4	8	24	..	8	" " "
Marutuvambadi	" "	20	2	3	...	...	1	27	5	2	10	5	1	24	7	3	8	7	14	11	" " "
Vellumbi	" "	27	...	...	...	1	...	40	8	1	4	11	4	90	10	1	7	12	10	11	" " "
Chittoor	Moses Nathaniel, S. S.	35	4	4	29	...	4	51	1	....	22	....	2	160	47	9	6	104	11	2	Chittoor, " "
Kottapalli	J. W. Conklin	86	3	3	1	3	2	78	3	....	35	70	10	177	11	4	5	41	13	10	Arcot, " "
Madanapalle	W. W. Scudder, D.D.	105	6	1	6	...	1	74	5	1	34	219	6	221	137	..	..	67	9	2	Madanapalle, " "
Palamanair	" "	6	....	7	2	...	...	11	..	..	3	49	1	21	13	7	6	4	..	..	" " "
Vellore	J. W. Scudder, M.D.	78	13	6	17	...	3	127	19	2	23	6	5	322	208	8	11	112	12	4	Vellore, " "
Kandiputtur	" "	107	7	1	...	...	...	124	12	6	3	71	5	90	9	12	..	26	14	11	" " "
Sekadu	" "	91	...	3	...	...	1	105	5	....	7	55	2	47	5	..	..	12	14	6	" " "
Katupadi	Abraham William	127	7	2	6	4	4	164	9	3	38	63	9	184	20	10	..	111	10	..	Katupadi, " "
Coonoor	Jno. Scudder, M.D. (s.c.)	65	2	8	7	...	...	100	7	1	21	11	2	95	45	..	6	117	2	..	Tindivanam, " "
Tindivanam	" "	16	1	4	4	...	...	28	5	1	7	1	3	199	48	13	..	39	5	3	" " "
Sattambadi	" "	67	2	...	2	...	...	102	25	14	16	20	7	99	36	2	..	35	2	..	" " "
Orattur	Paul Bailey	69	...	2	2	4	1	88	6	...	17	42	3	63	24	9	6	22	10	8	Orattur, " "
Kolapaukam	" "	48	23	...	...	...	...	78	6	...	15	12	3	50	13	8	..	22	4	5	" " "
Narasinganur	" "	47	9	3	...	...	...	78	5	12	6	10	4	92	13	7	9	26	13	10	" " "
Varikkal	" "	40	....	2	2	3	...	39	8	....	21	25	3	59	10	5	2	16	13	7	" " "
Vellaripattu	" "	55	....	2	...	2	...	62	5	2	6	37	4	54	14	8	3	20	15	11	" " "
	Total	1372	103	82	90	23	24	1668	180	60	506	875	95	2526	766	11	4	1053	5	2	

Other Ministers.—Rev. Jacob Chamberlain, D.D., America; Rev. J. H. Wyckoff, America; Rev. L. Hekhuis, M.D., Arcot, in charge of Arcot Station.
Candidates.—A. Masillamini, P. Souri.

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
First, Claverack	William J. Leggett	120	19	3	6	0	2	240	7	5	75	125	5	316	$442 19	$1,912 48	Claverack, Col. Co., N.Y.
Second, Claverack	John G. Gebhard	220	28	22	7	...	2	217	6	12	.....	234	2	234	272 55	1,699 17	Mellenville, " "
Gallatin	Vacant	44	2	...	...	...	1	*107	2	...	.....	.....	1	40	24 94	1,245 15	Mt. Ross, Dutchess Co., " "
Germantown	Harlan Paige Blair	108	7	1	1	...	1	*103	4	3	.....	.....	1	90	53 18	1,546 19	Germantown, Col. Co., " "
Greenport	William Veenschoten	117	3	1	10	0	1	*180	5	1	.....	90	4	222	198 74	1,552	Greendale, " "
Hudson	William H. Gleason	272	50	21	11	...	7	547	15	18	.....	200	1	314	2,281 19	5,770 50	Hudson, " "
Linlithgow	T. S. Dusinberre (s. c.)	76	5	2	4	...	0	116	0	1	.....	.....	1	70	207 42	1,151 71	Livingston, " "
Livingston at Linlithgo	Irving P. Emerick, S. S.	56	0	0	0	0	0	63	0	0	35	0	1	65	3	300	Linlithgo, " "
Upper Red Hook	George D. Lydecker	90	9	1	0	...	2	*142	0	.....	.....	...	1	135	435 27	1,228	Upper Red Hook, D. Co. " "
West Copake	James C. Garretson	82	6	2	3	0	0	108	4	1	.....	.....	1	147	74 48	965 24	West Copake, Col. Co., " "
	Total	1185	129	53	42	0	16	1823	43	41	110	649	18	1633	$4,162 96	$17,365 44	

*Revised.

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Bloomingdale	James M. Compton	101	6	1	3	...	1	117	6	1	57	12	1	175	$21 11	$958 80	Whiteport, Ulster Co., N.Y.
The Clove	Vacant	150	4	0	7	1	4	925	2	3	204	260	3	445	321 05	1,750 29	High Falls, " "
Dashville Falls	Vacant	50	7	1	...	...	...	125	...	...	20	0	1	75	60	825 71	Rifton Glen, " "
Guilford	Calvin E. Lasher	80	5	2	1	0	4	89	1	1	171	73	3	209	23 18	1,150	Gardiner, " "
Hurley	DeWitt B. Wyckoff (s.c.)	77	8	4	5	1	2	174	8	1	70	50	1	125	227 67	1,220 09	Hurley, " "
Kingston, Fair Street	Stephen D. Noyes	150	3	9	3	0	3	326	1	3	.....	.....	1	315	558 50	3,488	Kingston, " "
Krumville	Paul T. Deyo	40	0	0	1	0	1	92	7	0	60	15	1	70	9 18	325	Samsonville, " "
Lyonsville	Vacant	52	...	...	1	...	1	75	...	...	.....	.....	1	70	.....	110	Stone Ridge, " "
Marbletown	William W. Schomp	95	6	5	3	0	3	160	6	2	....	0	1	65	202 45	1,164 87	" " "
Marbletown, North	Wm. W. Schomp, S. S.	58	10	0	4	0	4	*81	8	5	.....	.....	1	72	87 08	470 95	" " "
New Paltz	Abel H. Huizinga	261	14	7	11	0	11	385	10	6	...	180	5	352	689 66	1,886 81	New Paltz, " "
Rochester	John B. Church	131	5	3	1	...	1	185	2	1	131	30	4	340	137 90	1,250	Accord, " "
Rosendale	Matthew N. Oliver	76	4	6	2	0	2	103	21	1	142	0	1	...	16 04	1,281 36	Rosendale, " "
St. Remy	James M. Compton	45	4	4	2	...	2	72	1	1	25	11	1	88	8 72	391 81	Whiteport, " "
	Total	1369	79	42	41	2	39	2220	73	25	880	631	25	2401	$2,362 54	$16,273 69	

Other Ministers.—Rev. James R. Lente, Emeritus, Washingtonville, N. Y.
Candidate.—Rev. M. F. Liebenau, Emeritus, Kingston, N. Y.

*Revised.

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	BAP. Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Jamaica	Vacant	171	5	5	4	...	7	295	12	...	...	199	2	316	$565 71	$4,448 65	Jamaica, N. Y.
Newtown	Chas. I. Shepard	95	1	...	5	...	3	186	6	...	...	...	2	300	558 32	4,458 58	Newtown, "
Oyster Bay	John H. Smock	100	2	1	...	...	3	127	...	1	...	...	1	92	221	1,218 60	Glen Head, "
North Hempstead	Abram I. Martine	75	4	...	...	1	1	117	4	1	39	37	2	170	125	1,750	Manhasset, "
Williamsburgh	E. P. Terhune	180	19	11	10	...	2	228	7	4	...	...	1	375	592 85	13,508 36	157 South 9th St., B'klyn, E.D.
Astoria	Wm. Stockton Cranmer	110	4	10	12	...	2	215	11	...	...	150	1	253	813 33	4,159 67	Astoria, N. Y.
Flushing	Oliver E. Cobb	85	7	1	6	...	4	*190	2	2	...	90	1	209	510 82	3,500	Flushing, "
Greenpoint	Lewis Francis	202	15	7	18	...	7	387	20	3	...	...	2	956	1,378 37	8,328 40	148 Noble St., B'klyn, E. D.
South Bushwick	Geo. D. Hulst	180	16	17	11	...	2	*321	24	2	...	...	1	850	285	5,650	15 Himrod St., " "
Second Astoria	C. D. F. Steinführer	100	12	1	4	...	1	217	53	...	...	25	1	230	200	985	Astoria, N. Y.
East Williamsburgh	Vacant	10	...	...	1	...	...	14	...	...	...	...	1	124	17 75	108 29	
Queens	A. Hageman	110	4	2	5	...	1	142	9	...	...	100	2	423	321 15	2,572 02	Queens, "
German Ev., Brooklyn	John C. Guenther	265	34	4	9	...	6	420	50	1	...	110	2	900	¶400	4,300	179 Ainslie St., B'klyn, E. D.
Sayville	Vacant	...	2	...	...	...	1	20	1	...	...	...	1	30	40	250	Sayville, N. Y.
Locust Valley	John H. Smock	50	1	1	3	...	...	57	4	1	...	...	1	92	78 43	646	Glen Head, "
College Point	Herman C. Berg	70	3	2	5	...	...	‡135	11	2	...	15	1	160	262 27	2,061 08	College Point, "
First Ref., L. I. City	Alex. Shaw	39	10	2	...	...	2	43	12	1	...	100	1	116	102 95	963	Long Island City, "
Bushwick	Wm. H. Ford†	100	4	3	12	...	2	*200	2	...	...	...	1	700	117 35	2,605 51	
German Ev., Jamaica	Franz Hartig	53	8	...	...	...	1	152	23	...	...	9	1	100	34 50	1,304 98	Jamaica, "
Jericho	E. Gutweiler, S. S	40	0	0	0	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	1	25	.....	100	Hicksville, " "
Hicksville	E. Guitweiler	20	4	2	1	...	...	31	1	1	...	15	1	100	43	671	" "
	Total	2055	155	69	106	1	45	3505	249	19	39	850	27	6521	$6 667 70	$63,589 14	

Other Ministers.—Rev. E. R. Atwater, Brooklyn, E. D., N. Y.; Rev. W. H. Ten Eyck (s. c.), New Brunswick, N. J.; Rev. Alex. S. Van Dyck, Amoy, China; Rev. Elbert S. Porter, Claverack, N. Y.; Rev. John M. Wagner, 315 Graham Avenue, Brooklyn, E. D., N. Y.; Rev. G. Van Emmerick, Sayville, L. I., N. Y.; Rev. Robert H. Barr, 228 Leonard Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Licentiate.—Herman H. Shook 34 Margaretta Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

*Revised List. †Pastor Elect. ‡Last Year's Report. ¶Estimated.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Brooklyn	Vacant	*100	15	3	25	0	4	150	0	1	.....	80	2	528	$2,524 97	.....	
Flatbush	C. L. Wells	120	9	1	3	0	5	†318	10	3	198	200	1	364	5,298 73	$4,000	Flatbush, Kings Co., N.Y.
" Mission Chapel.	W. H. Boocock, S. S....	*61	11	0	0	0	1	....	7	1	.....	.....	1	141	55 10	.....	
New Utrecht	Alfred H. Brush	100	5	1	3	0	2	256	3	0	.....	75	3	352	1,048 18	2,483 63	New Utrecht, " "
Gravesend	P. V. Van Buskirk	120	3	0	10	0	5	216	13	0	140	130	2	262	473 37	1,995 07	Gravesend, " "
Flatlands	John S. Gardner	80	14	1	5	0	7	181	8	0	145	90	2	280	585 68	3,644 90	Flatlands, " "
New Lots	Nicholas Pearse	70	30	3	5	0	3	202	10	3	.....	47	1	196	784 38	1,903 29	Station E., Brooklyn, "
East New York	Daniel Van Pelt	92	1	6	6	0	3	126	6	1	75	200	1	300	409 60	2,716 67	" " "
South Brooklyn	Alfred De W. Mason	88	21	8	4	1	1	148	7	7	61	75	1	325	393 69	1,961 41	1264 4th Ave., " "
Middle "	Vacant	100	5	3	15	0	7	250	8	1	.....	.....	1	150	294	6,242	
12th St., "	Uriah D. Gulick	220	26	16	25	0	8	668	12	10	350	974	2	1498	1,383 12	8,891 36	257 12th St., " "
North "	William D. Perry	46	11	32	14	0	1	140	1	1	.....	.....	1	192	.....	7,813 52	193 Carlton Ave., " "
Ch. on Heights, B'klyn.	Alfred J. Hutton	138	22	25	10	0	6	283	21	6	.....	46	2	564	9,108 88	10,181 05	165 Hicks St., " "
New Brooklyn	Jacob Weber	130	31	2	0	0	6	593	105	0	500	30	1	300	229 74	2,093 13	1062 Herkimer St., " "
Bedford	Vacant	.....	13	21	19	0	7	349	7	3	.....	.....	1	311	151 51	5,530 27	
Second Flatbush.	Vacant	60	0	1	0	0	3	82	3	0	3	5	1	42	.....	450	
Canarsie	F. E. Schleider, P. E....	39	7	0	0	0	0	76	10	0	111	5	1	80	25	516 63	Canarsie, Kings Co., "
St. Thomas, West Indies	A. J. Hageman	‡40	12	0	0	0	5	130	7	0	.....	30	1	85	30	2,407 18	St. Thomas, Danish W. Indies
Ocean Hill	A. Messler Quick, P. E.	60	7	18	0	0	1	50	7	4	.....	200	1	230	....	1,100	56 7th Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.
	Total	1664	243	131	144	1	75	4018	245	41	1583	2187	26	6200	$22,795 95	$63,890 11	

Other Ministers.—Rev. John M. Van Buren, Nyack, N. Y.; Rev. Jacob West, Sec'y of Board Domestic Missions, 26 Reade St., N. Y.; Rev. Daniel Rapalje, Missionary at Amoy, China; Rev. John M. Ferris, Editor of *Christian Intelligencer*, No. 4 Warren St., N. Y.; Rev. David T. Sutphen, Bloomfield, N. J.; Rev. A. P. Stockwell, Agent of N. Y. Children's Aid Society, Gravesend, Kings Co., N. Y.; Rev. Robert G. Strong (s. c.), Principal of Erasmus Hall Academy, Flatbush, Kings Co., N. Y.; Rev. Alexander R. Thompson, in charge of Bethany Chapel, Brooklyn, 180 Clermont Ave., Brooklyn; Rev. Conrad Dickhaut, Pastor Emeritus, of Canarsie Ref. Church, Station E., Brooklyn, L. I.; Rev. D. N. Vanderveer, Greenport, L. I.; Rev. Walter T. Griffin, Panillac, Gironde, France; Rev. Ransford Wells, Flatbush; Rev. Maurice G. Hansen, Hageman's Mills, N. Y.; Rev. Edwin T. See, Sec'y of Young Men's Christian Association, 502 Fulton St., Brooklyn; Rev. Chas. B. Chapin, in charge of Centennial Chapel, 38 St. Mark's Ave., Brooklyn.

*Revised List. †Includes 38, who are members of Mission. ‡Last Year's Report.

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	BAP. Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. Number of Catechumens.	C. C. & S. S. No. of S. Schools.	C. C. & S. S. Total Enrollment.	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	CONTRIBUTIONS Congregational Purposes.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
New York (Collegiate)	Thomas E. Vermilye																15 West 56th St., N.Y. City.
	Talbot W. Chambers	580	73	17	30	...	24	1715	9	4	....	....	5	1798	$26,960 10	.....	70 West 36th St., "
	William Ormiston																180 West End Ave., "
	Edward B. Coe																42 West 52d St., "
North / DeWitt / Knox Mem'l. (Col. Chapl's.)																	
	T. J. Kommers																514 Ninth Ave. "
Harlem, Collegiate	Geo. H. Smyth	530	132	139	9	...	3	933	34	23	.....	650	2	1298	5,405 15	.....	2067 Sixth Ave., "
	Joachim Elmendorf																61 East 128d St., "
South	Roderick Terry	146	2	3	6	...	4	254	4	..	69	45	2	250	7,182 12	$9,700	169 Madison Ave., "
Manor Chapel (South)	J. A. Billingsley	150	36	3	4	...	5	174	21	3	112	100	2	500	250 96	909 83	443 West 22d St., "
Staten Island	James Brownlee	155	5	7	6	...	3	284	9	2	....	188	2	434	1,057 64	6,683 41	Port Richmond, S. I., N. Y.
	Alfred H. Demarest																
Bloomingdale	Carlos Martyn		23	26	1	...	1	152	10	9	..	....	1	408	951 27	.....	B'way & 68th St., N. Y. City.
Madison Avenue	Abbott E. Kittredge	240	79	118	19	...	5	423	15	16	..	971	2	971	5,074 63	26,101 19	50 East 69th St., "
Thirty-fourth Street	James M. Dickson	170	13	7	11	...	8	375	9	1	59	231	1	264	824	6,516 63	418 West 22d St., "
German Ev. Mission	Julius W. Geyer	160	42	...	7	...	9	460	24	8	.....	45	1	600	1,686 12	1,592 06	78 Second St., "
Huguenots	Vacant	36	...	2	2	...	...	28	...	...	.....	76	1	76	46 68	248 26	
St. Paul's, Mott Haven	Hasbrouck Du Bois	105	21	8	12	...	10	220	25	6	125	250	1	575	375	2,500	580 East 145th St., "
Union, High Bridge	Daniel H. Martin	103	18	9	5	...	1	122	11	1	102	90	1	185	372 79	5,319 10	High Bridge, "
Fourth, German	John H. Oerter	104	59	...	5	...	2	394	34	1	170	256	1	480	388 50	1,879 61	248 West 40th St., "
Prospect Hill	D. McL. Quackenbush	105	10	5	29	1	6	208	4	..	130	195	1	410	680 99	3,720 04	223 East 87th St., "
	Oliver H. Walser																159 East 80th St., "
Holland	Vacant	23	2	3	...	...	...	40	3	...	.....	6	..	....	94 52	378 56	
Avenue B, German Ev.	Jacob Schlegel	135	72	..	2	...	6	700	76	..	45	66	1	400	250	2,400	602 Fifth St., "
Brighton Heights	Vacant	190	35	13	16	3	3	336	8	5	35	200	1	260	1,262 60	5,970 32	
Union, Sixth Avenue	Vacant		5	2	15	...	2	287	...	2	.....	....	2	190	627 70	1,751	
German, Norfolk St	Frederick C. Erhardt	75	40	..	..	...	1	300	70	4	.....	45	1	353	155	1,850	129 Norfolk St., "
Kreischerville	Jacob Gansz	150	10	..	..	...	8	50	10	....	10	4	1	141	.....	.....	Kreischerville, S. I., N. Y.
German Ev. of York'ville	G. A. T. Goebel	66	26	..	4	...	...	116	38	1	.....	15	1	221	24	2,648 90	155 East 91st St., N. Y. City.
Grace	Joseph R. Duryee	118	24	10	3	...	1	148	10	2	.....	310	1	344	260 90	2,111	112 West 47th St., "
	Total	3341	730	372	186	4	102	7719	419	88	857	3738	31	10148	$53,300 67	$82,274 91	

Foreign Missionaries.—Rev. Leonard W. Kip, Amoy, China; Rev. C. H. H. Wolff, Japan; Rev. E. Rothesay, Miller, Yokohama, Japan; Rev. Nathan Henry Demarest, Nagasaki, Japan.

Other Ministers.—Rev. W. W. Clark, Tompkinsville, Staten Island, N. Y.; Rev. E. S. Fairchild, Flushing, Long Island, N. Y.; Rev. F. M. Kip, Tompkinsville, Staten Island, N. Y.; Rev. Aaron Lloyd, Belleville, N. J.; Rev. G. H. Mandeville, 327 East 124th St., City; Rev. A. J. Park, Weston, Conn.; Rev. G. M. Plumley, P. O. Box 787, New York City; Rev. E. A. Reed, Holyoke, Mass.; Rev. A. G. Vermilye, Englewood, N. J.; Rev. F. N. Zabriskie, Princeton, N. J.

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd. On Confession	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Berea	Adrian Westveer	70	4	0	0	0	3	134	0	0	.....	15	1	65	$27 11	$693 75	Walden, N. Y.
Bloomingburgh	John L. Stillwell	59	7	9	2	1	6	110	0	2	.....	.....	1	85	46 48	1,399 93	Bloomingburgh, "
Callicoon	H. Miller	*78	15	....	..	....	7	*165	41	...	.....	26	2	150	17	434 50	Callicoon, Sullivan Co., "
Claraville	Gilbert Lane	30	1	....	....	....	2	55	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	Eureka.
Cuddebackville	Herman Hageman	60	2	0	6	0	1	106	5	2	30	0	1	125	76 75	674 50	Cuddebackville, "
Deerpark	Goyn Talmage	167	17	10	8	0	6	301	7	13	.....	100	2	395	670 15	7,209 88	Port Jervis, "
Ellenville	.....	156	25	12	10	0	5	275	6	13	.....	.....	2	306	388 62	2,206 74	Ellenville, "
Fallsburgh	Walter S. Brown	98	2	0	4	0	6	116	9	1	80	12	2	65	112	685	Woodbourne, "
Grahamsville	Gilbert Lane	42	....	....	3	0	2	84	....	....	....	....	1	50	.....	784 49	Eureka.
Kerhonkson	.....	52	4	3	2	0	2	59	18	0	73	....	1	25	38	600	Kerhonkson, "
Mamakating	Samuel Millett	30	2	0	4	0	4	68	1	...	.....	84	1	84	40	521 07	Wurtsboro, "
Minnisink	.....	55	5	0	0	0	3	44	0	3	.....	.....	1	65	6	175	Montague, N. J.
Montgomery	Ferdinand S. Schenck	185	26	3	7	1	2	427	12	12	.....	100	4	200	1,083 28	2,701 02	Montgomery, N. Y.
Newburgh	H. V. S. Myers	169	26	12	17	0	4	*401	5	2	150	140	1	196	919 47	3,334 58	Newburgh, "
New Hurley	John H. Gillespie	120	12	5	7	1	4	155	2	4	....	126	2	136	207 57	1,701 73	New Hurley, "
New Prospect	Edwin O. Moffett	122	20	2	0	0	1	147	5	16	....	....	2	152	201 36	1,039 40	Pine Bush, "
Shawangunk	Peter K. Hageman	80	15	14	2	1	2	263	5	3	.....	200	4	200	189 65	1,005	Bruynswick, "
Unionville	Gilbert Lane	20	....	....	2	....	....	27	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	Eureka, "
Walden	M. V. Schoonmaker	80	6	4	10	0	5	202	6	3	125	175	1	200	400	1,600	Walden, "
Walkill Valley	Richard DeWitt (s. c.)	75	9	3	5	0	2	110	5	5	45	85	1	160	72 07	1,181 40	Walkill, "
Walpack (Upper)	.....	40	1	0	2	0	2	42	7	1	.....	.....	2	110	12	637 44	Layton, N. J.
Walpack (Lower)	Henry L. Rex	65	7	1	2	0	1	128	1	0	78	50	2	100	70	675	Bushkill, Pa.
Wawarsing	.....	41	26	0	4	0	2	78	0	15	.....	.....	1	101	18	1,075 66	
	Total	1894	232	78	97	4	72	3497	135	95	581	1063	35	2970	$4,645 51	$30,396 09	

Other Ministers.—Rev. S. W. Mills, Port Jervis, N. Y.; Rev. J. A. Staats, Goshen, N. Y.; Rev. J. T. Demarest, Emeritus, New Brunswick, N. J.; W. B. Darrach, Walden, N. Y.

*Revised List.

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
First, Poughkeepsie	A. P. Van Gieson (s. c.)	190	17	8	9	...	4	464	2	1	.....	.....	1	308	$2,875 78	$3,434 35	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
Second, Poughkeepsie	Vacant	132	3	2	12	...	3	275	2	.....	.....	.....	1	131	1,861 22	4,087 98	" "
Fishkill	M. B. Thomas	84	3	3	...	...	3	189	....	2	.....	.....	1	90	220 50	1,702 74	Fishkill,
Hopewell	C. H. Polhemus	150	6	....	2	...	...	303	1	4	.....	.....	6	260	213 17	1,360 35	Hopewell Junction,
New Hackensack	Henry Ward	100	2	2	2	0	2	156	1	1	71	35	4	220	402 30	1,350	New Hackensack,
Hyde Park	John F. Shaw	60	1	4	4	...	1	112	....	1	.....	.....	1	60	46 27	1,161 15	Hyde Park,
Fishkill-on-Hudson	Charles W. Fritts	125	13	6	8	...	6	285	3	4	.....	.....	1	220	621 11	3,442 16	Fishkill-on-Hudson,
Rhinebeck	James B. Campbell	100	4	9	5	0	3	187	5	2	...	.....	1	100	420 62	1,458 53	Rhinebeck,
Glenham	Vacant	29	....	1	4	...	...	57	....	.....	.....	.....	1	51	68 15	545 75	Glenham,
Cold Spring	Fre'k F. Wilson	20	3	....	1	...	1	46	....	1	.....	.....	1	42	25 10	560	Cold Spring,
Millbrook	J. Edward Lyall	77	7	2	...	...	1	119	3	4	51	.....	3	170	349 66	1,639 91	Millbrook,
	Total	1067	61	37	47	...	24	2103	27	20	122	35	21	1647	$7,108 88	$20,742 87	

Other Ministers.—Rev. C. S. Hageman, Nyack, N. Y.; Rev. A. Mattice, Pine Plains, N. Y.; Rev. H. N. Cobb, 26 Reade Street, N. Y.; Rev. C. R. Blauvelt, Nyack, N. Y.; Rev. H. Dater, Hawthorne, N. J.

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.			C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Bronxville	J. Joseph Rankin	37	1	....	2	...	2	80	....	...	23	20	1	53	$247 27	$1,315 54	Bronxville, Westchester Co.
Cortlandtown	Joseph A. Harper	70	1	....	4	..	1	64	11	1	.....	45	2	141	161 04	1,572 33	Montrose, " N. Y.
Fordham	Wm. F. Anderson, S. S.	73	12	8	5	...	2	107	21	4	.....	.....	1	221	1,024	3,864 90	Fordham, New York City.
Greenburgh	William E. Turner	20	....	....	3	....	1	18	1	....	.....	40	1	45	.....	300	Elmsford, Westchester Co.
Greenville	James E. Graham	20	2	....	3	....	...	50	....	2	.....	.....	1	45	23	782 77	Scarsdale, " N. Y.
Hastings	William A. Dumont	70	16	4	2	....	4	94	....	4	.....	...	1	115	124 01	1,626	Hastings, " "
Melrose	John E. Lang	60	4	....	..	....	7	128	5	1	. ..	25	1	536	58 18	1,881 74	Elton Av. & 156th St., N.Y.C.
Mount Vernon	Chas.K.Clearwater (s.c)	160	18	16	25	...	8	348	7	2	.....	204	1	340	1,070	7,892 57	Mt. Vernon, Westchester Co.
Peekskill	Henry De Vries	117	4	4	1	....	...	144	3	....	...	52	1	171	475 62	1,529 25	Peekskill, " N. Y.
Tarrytown, First	John K. Allen	105	6	2	7	....	4	245	4	1	.....	.....	1	200	629 86	3,761 37	Tarrytown, " "
Tarrytown, Second	Vacant	96	....	....	19	....	6	307	....	....	.....	50	1	130	444 36	2,441 20	" " "
Unionville	Vacant	50	1	3	4	....	2	81	2	1	.....	.....	1	70	27 50	896 34	Neperan, " "
West Farms	James Bolton	19	3	....	1	....	2	25	8	....	.....	10	1	80	.....	1,004	1295 Woodruff Av., N.Y.City.
Yonkers	David Cole	150	29	5	10	1	6	369	11	8	104	157	2	311	868 79	5,159 86	Yonkers, Westchester Co.
	Total	1047	97	42	83	1	45	2060	73	24	127	603	16	2458	$5,153 63	$34,027 87	

Other Ministers.—Rev. John A. Todd, Tarrytown, N. Y.; Rev. William Brush, Morristown, N. J.; Rev. Lawrence H. Van Dyck, Merritt's Corners, Westchester Co., N. Y.; Rev. William W. Rand, Publ. Sec. American Tract Society, 150 Nassau St., New York; Rev. Howard Harris, Foreign Missionary, Japan; Rev. William S. Moore, 124 Waverly Place, Yonkers, N. Y.; Rev. Edward J. Runk, 18 West 51st St., New York City; Rev. George Rockwell, Tarrytown, N. Y.; Rev. Peter A. Wessels, *in transitu.*

Candidate.—Henry J. Bogardus, M. D., 135 East 42d Street, New York.

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK, FOR YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 1887.

CLASSES.	Churches.	Ministers.	Number of Families.	Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Baptized. Infants.	Baptized. Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. & B. S. & S. Number of Catechumens.	C. & B. S. & S. No. of Schools.	C. & B. S. & S. Total Enrollment.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Congregational Purposes.	STATED CLERKS.
Arcot	23	12	1872	103	82	90	22	24	1668	180	60	505	875	95	2526	$383	$526 50	Rev. John Scudder.
Hudson	10	10	1185	129	53	42	0	16	1823	48	41	110	649	18	1633	4,162 96	17,365 44	Rev. Thos. S. Dusinberre.
Kingston	14	11	1369	79	42	41	2	39	2220	73	25	880	631	25	2401	2,362 54	16,273 69	Rev. DeWitt B. Wyckoff.
North Long Island	21	23	2055	155	69	106	1	45	3505	249	19	39	850	27	6521	6,667 70	63 589 14	Rev. William H. Ten Eyck.
South Long Island	18	29	1664	243	131	144	1	75	4018	245	41	1598	2187	26	6200	22,795 93	63.890 11	Rev. Robert G. Strong.
New York	21	39	3341	730	372	186	4	102	7719	419	88	857	3788	31	10148	53,900 67	82,274 91	Rev. Oliver H. Walser.
Orange	23	20	1894	282	78	97	4	72	3497	185	95	581	1063	37	2970	4,645 51	30,336 09	Rev. Richard DeWitt.
Poughkeepsie	11	14	1067	61	37	47	0	24	2193	27	20	122	35	21	1647	7,108 88	20,742 87	Rev. A. P. Van Gieson.
Westchester	14	21	1047	97	42	88	1	45	2060	78	24	127	603	16	2458	5,153 63	34,027 87	Rev. Chas. K. Clearwater.
Total	155	179	14994	1899	906	836	35	442	28708	1444	413	4804	10681	296	36504	$106,575 82	$328,966 62	

ARTICLE VIII.

CLASSICAL MINUTES.

The Committe on Classical Minutes reported by Sub-committees on the Minutes of each of the Classes as follows, and the reports were severally accepted and adopted :

Classis of Hudson.—The Committee on the Minutes of the Classis of Hudson have examined the same, and find them in good order. With respect to Constitutional Inquiries, one church makes no reply to any of the questions. To all other questions one church replies "No" to question 5. Question 7 was answered as follows : Five churches took collections for six of the Boards of the church, and two for three. The Committee would reccommend the faithfulness of the churches in attending to the constitutional question.

SAMUEL MILLETT,
ISAAC RIGGS,
Committee.

Classis of Kingston.—The Committee appointed to examine the Book of Minutes find the record well kept, and everything seemingly in perfect order. The answers to the constitutional questions indicate a high degree of faithfulness both on the part of the ministry and of the laity of the Classis.

WM. STOCKTON CRANMER,
HENRY CAMERDEN, JR.,
Committee.

North Classis of Long Island.—The Committee on the Minutes of the North Classis of Long Island would report that they have examined the Book of Minutes of said Classis, and they find that the second constitutional question was answered in the negative by twelve of the eighteen pastors constituting the Classis. Also the seventh question was answered in the negative by ten of the pastors. The Committee would recommend the following action :

Resolved, That the attention of the Classis of North Long Island be called to the fact that there is evidence of neglect

on the part of many of the pastors within her bounds in complying with the second and seventh constitutional questions of the constitution of our Church. And that said Classis be requested to see that the pastors within her bounds comply with the requirements of our Constitution.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES BOLTON,
RICHARD BECKER,
Committee.

South Classis of Long Island.—The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the South Classis of Long Island would respectfully report: Having examined the Book of Minutes they find it well kept and in order. In reference to the constitutional questions to ministers and elders, we give the following summary:

Question 2, all "yeas," except one "no;" Question 7, nine "yeas," 7 with explanations.

We also notice an eighth question attended to, arising from Constitutional Digest (Chap. 4, sec. 14), having reference to education, the aim being on the part of the Church to direct young men to the ministry. As some classes have probably forgotten this resolution, we hereby recommend their attention to it.

Respectfully submitted,

G. D. LYDECKER,
D. S. MAPES,
Committee.

Classis of New York.—Your Committee would respectfully report that the Minutes of this Classis appear to be kept in a very satisfactory manner. The constitutional questions were generally answered in the affirmative, except question 3, which received one negative answer; question 4, which received four answers, such as "tardy," "in part," etc.; and question 7, to which one church replied: "none," one," except four," and one, "with some exceptions."

Respectfully submitted,

ABEL H. HUIZINGA, *Chairman.*

Classis of Orange.—The Committee on the Minutes of the Classis of Orange would report that they have examined the Book and find it admirably kept. The number of churches being fifteen. To questions 1, 3, 5 and 6 all answer in the affirmative. To questions 2 there are seven negatives. To question 7 there are six negatives.

E. T. FAIRCHILD.
F. A. LANCASHIRE.

Committee.

Classis of Poughkeepsie.—Your Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the Classis of Poughkeepsie would respectfully report that they have examined the same, and find them properly and neatly kept. The constitutional questions were answered as follows by the eleven churches of Classis:

Questions 1, 4, 5, were answered in the affirmative by all, except New Hackensack, which gave no answer to any of the questions. Question 2, four affirmative and six negative. Question 3, three affirmative and eight negative. Question 6, eight affirmative and one negative, one no answer. Question 7, one church takes a collection for all the Boards of the Church; four for all but Publication; three for only Foreign and Domestic Missions; one for only three of the Boards; one answers "not all." There are two vacant churches within the bounds of the Classis. Your Committee recommend that the attention of Classis be called to the omission to comply with the requirement in reference to question 3.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. W. SCHOMP,
ASA LE FEVRE.

Classis of Westchester.—The Committee to examine the Minutes of the Classis of Westchester respectfully report that they are worthy the approval of this body.

J. E. LYALL, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE IX.

OVERTURES AND JUDICIAL BUSINESS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE X.

CLASSICAL REFERENCES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XI.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XII.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIII.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIV.

SCHOOLS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XV.

STUDENTS IN THEOLOGY.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVI.

SIGNING THE FORMULA.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVII.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS.

Attended to by Committee on Classical Minutes.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SYNODICAL INJUNCTIONS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIX.

PARTICULARIA.

The first hour of Tuesday afternoon, after the organization, was passed in devotional exercises, led by the President and Vice-President.

The first half hour of the Wednesday morning Session was also spent in devotional exercises, led by the President.

The Communion of the Lord's Supper was celebrated on the evening of the first day, immediately after the Synodical Sermon. The form was read by the President of Synod. The bread was administered by the Rev. J. E. Lyall, and the cup by the Rev. E. S. Fairchild. The distribution of the elements was made by the elders W. H. Jackson, Daniel V. Weeks, Thos. Elmendorf and Asa Le Fevre.

The bar of the house was defined.

The Rev. Wm. J. Leggett, pastor of the church, the Rev. C. L. Wells, and elder John S. Bussing, were appointed a Committee of Arrangements for determining the conduct of the religious exercises. They reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted: The hour for the Synodical Sermon to be 7.30 P. M. The administration of the Lord's Supper

to occur as recorded. The devotional hours to occur as per rules of order.

It was announced that on account of illness, Rev. W. H. Gleason was unable to present his paper on "The Elements of a Successful Pastorate."

On motion it was

Resolved, That a vote of hearty thanks be extended to Rev. W. W. Clark, for the excellent and instructive paper which he presented.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the Committee on Nominations prepare a list of subjects and speakers for the next Annual Session, in 1888.

Their report was accepted and adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Nominations would respectfully report in the matter of papers for the next Session of Synod:

1. That the Rev. Abbott E. Kittredge, D.D., of New York, be requested to present a paper on the "Conversion and Training of the Young."

2. That Rev. Wm. H. Gleason, D.D., of Hudson, N. Y., be requested to present at next Synod the paper he was asked to present at this Session, viz: on "The Elements of a Successful Pastorate."

C. L. WELLS, *Chairman.*

On motion it was

Resolved, That the Rev. T. S. Brown, of Chatham, N. Y., be heard in behalf of Foreign Missions, and the Rev. D. Van Pelt and elder John S. Bussing, in behalf of Domestic Missions, after the paper by Rev. W. W. Clark, and discussion thereon, at the morning Session of Wednesday, each speaker to be limited to fifteen minutes.

On motion it was

Resolved, That a Special Committee be appointed, of which the Rev. J. M. Dickson shall be Chairman, to prepare a reso-

lution in regard to the statements made by the representatives of the Board of Domestic Missions.

The President appointed as such Committee, Revs. J. M. Dickson, and Wm. J. Leggett, and elder H. P. Allen. Their report was accepted and adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee would respectfully recommend the adoption of the following:

This Particular Synod having listened with pleasure to the interesting addresses of Rev. D. Van Pelt and elder J. S. Bussing, the representatives of the Board of Domestic Missions,

Resolved, That we are gratified with their presentation of the condition and action of that Board, and the efforts made to overcome whatever has been objectionable and to make the Board most effective; and that we trust all possible care will be taken in the selection of its officers and servants, regarding less personal feelings than the proficiency of the Board and the cause of religion.

J. M. DICKSON, *Chairman.*

On motion, the following was unanimously passed:

Whereas, The Particular Synod of New York has convened at Claverack, the residence of the Rev. Elbert S. Porter, D.D., for many years in the active ministry of the Reformed Church, and at one time President of the General Synod of the Church, who has been for some time languishing under distressing debility; therefore,

Resolved, That the Particular Synod extend to the Rev. Dr. Porter, his wife and family, its prayerful sympathy in the affliction which has befallen them, and gratefully recognizing the services of Dr. Porter in the ministry of the Church, would express its hope that the Almighty Father will soothe the declining hours of our revered brother with His choicest consolations and the fruitions of the Christian's hope.

The Rev. J. H. Lane, of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Claverack, N. Y., Rev. John B. Drury, D.D., of the Par-

ticular Synod of Albany, the Rev. N. H. Van Arsdale, of the Particular Synod of New Brunswick, were recognized as present on the floor of the Synod, and invited to sit as corresponding members.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be directed to procure the printing of the usual number of copies (450) of the minutes of this session of the Synod.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be directed to procure the printing of one thousand blanks for notices to Delegates to General Synod, appointed by this Particular Synod.

On motion it was

Resolved, That this Particular Synod accept the invitation of the Fair St. Reformed Church at Kingston, N. Y., and that the Stated Clerk be directed to express the thanks of Synod to the Consistory of said church.

On motion it was

Resolved, That we give hearty thanks to the pastor and Consistory of the First Reformed Church of Claverack, for the use of their church building, and to the people of the congregation for their generous hospitality.

ARTICLE XX.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

The Treasurer presented the following account, which was referred to the Committee on the Treasurer's Account, and their report was accepted and adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on the Treasurer's Account report that they have examined the Treasurer's accounts with the vouchers, and find them correct, and that there is a balance due the Synod of one hundred and twenty-two dollars and ninety-four cents ($122.94).

C. L. WELLS, *Chairman.*

PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK, in account with

THEOPHILUS A. BROUWER, *Treasurer.*

1886.		Dr.	
May 10.	To Cash	paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt for traveling expenses	$2 32
"	"	paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt for envelopes and postage	2 76
"	"	paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt for doorkeeper at Newburgh	5
"	"	paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt for salary as Stated Clerk to May, 1887	100
Sept. 10.	"	paid Hosford & Sons for printing Minutes of 1886 (450 copies)	138 60
1887.			
May 2.	"	Balance due Synod to new account	122 94
			$371 62

1886.		Cr.	
May 5.	By Cash	balance from old account	$53 62
June 15.	"	from Rev. W. H. DeHart, Treasurer, North Classis of Long Island	50
" 24.	"	" Rev. W. S. Brown, Treasurer, Classis of Orange, on account	15
Oct. 5.	"	" R. M. Shepard, Esq., Treasurer, Classis of Hudson	25
" 9.	"	" Rev. W. H. Vroom, Treasurer, Classis of Kingston	33
" 26.	"	" Rev. W. S. Brown, Treasurer, Classis of Orange, balance	32
Nov. 10.	"	" Rev. Carlos Martyn, Treasurer, Classis of New York	58
" 26.	"	" Rev. R. G. Strong, Treasurer, South Classis of Long Island	45
Dec. 6.	"	" Rev. A. P. Van Gieson, Treasurer, Classis of Poughkeepsie,	27
" 14.	"	" Rev. J. A. Harper, Treasurer, Classis of Westchester	33
			$371 62

E. E. NEW YORK, May 2d, 1887.

THEOPHILUS A. BROUWER,
Treasurer.

ARTICLE XXI.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL SYNOD.

The following were appointed:

Classis of Arcot.

Rev. Jacob Chamberlain, D.D., Rev. John H. Wyckoff.

Classis of Hudson.

PRIMARII.

Rev. H. P. Blair,	Elder Horace Fingar,
" John G. Gebhard,	" Geo. P. Philip,
" Wm. H. Gleason, D.D.,	" J. C. Benham, M.D.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Wm. Veenschoten,	Elder Richard Becker,
" Jno. M. Reiner,	" Dan'l S. Sherwood,
" Geo. D. Lydecker.	" Thos. Elmendorf.

Classis of Kingston.

PRIMARII.

Rev. John B. Church,	Elder Jacob L. Snyder,
" De Witt B. Wyckoff,	" John A. Elmendorf,
" Stephen D. Noyes,	" George B. Merritt.

SECUNDI.

Rev. James M. Compton,	Elder S. P. Freer,
" Matthew N. Oliver,	" Geo. W. Rhodes.
" William W. Schomp,	" Jas. Sahler.

North Classis of Long Island.

PRIMARII.

Rev. E. P. Terhune, D.D.,	Elder Elisha West,
" Chas. Shepard,	" Jas. L. Van Alst,
" Lewis Francis,	" Peter Van Dyck,
" Herman C. Berg,	" A. H. Downer.

SECUNDI.

Rev. A. I. Martine,	Elder John L. Bogart,
" C. D. F. Steinführer,	" M. V. B. Schenck,
" Oliver E. Cobb,	" A. P. Northrop,
" Andrew Hageman,	" Daniel V. Weeks.

South Classis of Long Island.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Alfred H. Brush,	Elder John L. Ryder,
" John S. Gardner,	" Richard Ammerman,
" John M. Ferris, D.D.,	" Jas. W. Cropsey.

SECUNDI.

Rev. U. D. Gulick,	Elder A. F. Hazen,
" A. R. Thompson, D.D.,	" Wm. A. Losey,
" Conrad Dickhaut,	" Silas B. Dutcher.

Classis of New York.

PRIMARII.

Rev. T. W. Chambers, D.D.,	Elder Henry Talmage,
" Oliver H. Walser,	" Daniel D. Beekman,
" Geo. H. Smyth,	" N. S. King, M.D.
" J. H. Billingsley,	" Joseph D. Lockwood.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Roderick Terry, D.D.,	Elder H. W. Bookstaver,
" A. G. Vermilye, D.D.,	" W. H. Clark,
" Julius W. Geyer,	" S. B. Reed,
" D. H. Martin,	" R. R. Crosby.

Classis of Orange.

PRIMARII.

Rev. H. V. S. Myers,	Elder I. F. Vernooy.
" P. K. Hageman,	" Matthew Jansen,
" H. Hageman,	" T. Van Inwagen,
" A. Westveer,	" B. R. Innis.

SECUNDI.

Rev. J. H. Gillespie,	Elder W. Munson,
" E. O. Moffett,	" W. H. Woodruff,
" W. B. Darrach,	" R. B. Dunn,
" Gilbert Lane,	" N. C. Clark.

Classis of Poughkeepsie.

PRIMARII.

Rev. John F. Shaw,	Elder M. E. Curtis,
" Jas. B. Campbell,	" R. C. Van Wyck,
" Henry Ward,	" Franklin R. Benjamin.

SECUNDI.

Rev. A. P. Van Gieson, D.D.,	Elder Albert Emans,
" J. Edward Lyall,	" J. V. H. Miller,
" F. F. Wilson,	" Sidney Scofield,

Classis of Westchester.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Edward J. Runk,	Elder Wm. H. Valentine,
" Joseph A. Harper,	" George Stewart,
" David Cole, D.D.,	" Jas. B. Gregory, M.D.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Wm. F. Anderson,	Elder William Powles,
" James Bolton,	" Jas. H. Lent,
" John K. Allen,	" Jas. S. Van Court.

ARTICLE XXII.

INSTRUCTIONS TO DELEGATES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXIII.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Synod adjourned to meet in annual session in the Fair St. Reformed Church, Kingston, N. Y., on the first Tuesday of May, 1888, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

CLOSE OF SYNOD.

The minutes were read and approved, the roll was called, and the Synod adjourned after prayer and the pronouncing of the Apostolic Benediction by the Vice-President.

Signed,

JACOB CHAMBERLAIN, *President.*
JAMES M. DICKSON, *Vice-President.*

A. H. DEMAREST,
J. JOSEPH RANKIN, } *Temporary Clerks.*

DANIEL VAN PELT, *Stated Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

PRESIDENTS AND PLACES OF MEETING OF THIS SYNOD SINCE THE RE-ORGANIZATION OF THE PARTICULAR SYNODS, 1870–1887.

DATE.	PRESIDENT.	PLACE.
1870—	Rev. M. S. Hutton, D.D.	Yonkers.
1871—	Rev. Goyn Talmage	Flushing.
1872—	Rev. E. P. Rogers, D.D.	Rhinebeck.
1873—	Rev. John A. Todd, D.D.	Tarrytown, (1st.)
1874—	Rev. G. H. Mandeville, D.D.	Poughkeepsie, (2d.)
1875—	Rev. John McC. Holmes, D.D.	Brooklyn, (1st.)
1876—	Rev. David Inglis, D.D.	Port Jervis.
1877—	Rev. Joachim Elmendorf, D.D.	Yonkers.
1878—	Rev. Alex. R. Thompson, D.D.	Newburg.
1879—	Rev. Charles I. Shepard	Greenpoint.
1880—	Rev. William Ormiston, D.D.	Mount Vernon.
1881—	Rev. David Cole, D.D.	Montgomery.
1882—	Rev. Polhemus Van Wyck	Jamaica, L. I.
1883—	Rev. Ezekiel C. Scudder, M.D.	Brighton Heights, (S. I.)
1884—	Rev. David N. Vanderveer	New York, (South).
1885—	Rev. Herman C. Berg	Yonkers.
1886—	Rev. Cornelius L. Wells, D.D.	Newburg.
1887—	Rev. Jacob Chamberlain, D.D. M.D.	Claverack.

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THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN THE FAIR STREET REFORMED CHURCH OF KINGSTON, NEW YORK, ON THE 1ST OF MAY, 1888, AT 3 O'CLOCK, P. M., AND ADJOURNED AT 12.40 O'CLOCK, P. M., OF THE SECOND DAY OF THE SESSION.

FORMATION OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

Synod was opened with prayer by the retiring Vice-President, the Rev. James M. Dickson, D.D., who also, by reason of the departure of the retiring President to India, preached the sermon before Synod on the evening of the first day of the Session, from Matthew 12:45 and Mark 16:15: "And the last state of that man is worse than the first"; "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Classis of Arcot. ——— ———

Classis of Hudson.—Ministers—William J. Leggett, William H. Gleason, D.D., William Veenschoten, George D.

Lydecker. *Elders*—O. J. Reeve, S. V. C. Van Rensselaer, A. P. Pitcher.

Classis of Kingston.—Ministers—Stephen D. Noyes, John B. Church, Paul T. Deyo, Calvin E. Lasher. *Elders*—George B. Merritt, Calvin Baker, Josiah Le Fevre.

North Classis of Long Island.—Ministers—William H. Ten Eyck, D.D., Charles I. Shepard, Herman C. Berg.

South Classis of Long Island.—Ministers—Nicholas Pearse, A. P. Stockwell. *Elders*—Richard Remsen, Jr., A. F. Hazen.

Classis of New York.—Ministers—John Hutchins, Abbott E. Kittredge, D.D., T. J. Kommers. *Elders*—Daniel D. Beekman, H. Cammerden, Jr.

Classis of Orange.—Ministers—L. L. Taylor, Samuel W. Mills, D.D., M. V. Schoonmaker, D.D. *Elder*—Joseph Hasbrouck.

Classis of Poughkeepsie.—Ministers—P. S. Beekman, A. P. Van Gieson, D.D., John F. Shaw, J. Edward Lyall. *Elders*—John S. Gilbert, Franklin R. Benjamin.

Classis of Westchester.—Ministers—Henry De Vries, Joseph A. Harper, Edward J. Runk. *Elders*—William Powles, Alvah Newman, S. Keeler.

ARTICLE III.

MODERATORS.

The Rev. William H. Gleason, of Hudson, N. Y., was elected President, and the Rev. Herman C. Berg, of College Point, L. I., Vice-President. The Revs. Wm. J. Leggett and L. L. Taylor, were elected Temporary Clerks.

ARTICLE IV.

MINUTES AND BEQUEST.

The Minutes of the Session of 1887 were read, and the printed record of them approved. The bequest of the Rev. Elias Van Bunschooten was read.

ACTS OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Rules of Order were read.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were the Standing Committees :

ON SYNODICAL MINUTES.—*Ministers*—John Hutchins, Calvin E. Lasher, Ed. J. Runk. *Elders*—S. V. C. Van Rensselaer, Josiah Le Fevre, Richard Remsen.

ON CLASSICAL MINUTES.—*Arcot.*— —— —— *Hudson.*—Rev. P. T. Deyo. *Elder*—D. D. Beekman. *Kingston.*—Rev. William Veenschoten. *Elder*—Joseph Hasbrouck. *North Long Island.*—Rev. C. E. Lasher. *Elder*—S. Keeler. *South Long Island.*—Rev. John Hutchins. *Elder*—A. P. Pitcher. *New York.*—Rev. A. P. Stockwell. *Elder*—Josiah Le Fevre. *Orange.*—Rev. Nicholas Pearse. *Elder*—A. F. Hazen. *Poughkeepsie.*—Rev. M. V. Schoonmaker. *Elder*—H. Cammerden, Jr. *Westchester.*—Geo. D. Lydecker. *Elder*—Richard Remsen, Jr.

ON CLASSICAL REPORTS, OR STATE OF RELIGION.—*Ministers*—Chas. I. Shepard, Joseph A. Harper, A. P. Stockwell. *Elders*—A. F. Hazen, S. Keeler, S. V. C. Van Rensselaer.

ON THE TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.—*Ministers*—Wm. H. Ten Eyck, S. D. Noyes, Nicholas Pearse. *Elders*—A. P. Pitcher, D. D. Beekman, Richard Remsen.

ON OVERTURES AND JUDICIAL BUSINESS.—*Ministers*—A. P. Van Gieson, Wm. H. Ten Eyck, T. J. Kommers. *Elders*—Joseph Hasbrouck, H. Cammerden, Jr., Josiah Le Fevre.

ON NOMINATIONS.—*Ministers*—S. W. Mills. Herman C. Berg, Paul T. Deyo. *Elders*—Joseph Hasbrouck, S. V. C. Van Rensselaer, S. Keeler.

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

A communication was received from the Rev. A. P. Van Gieson, pastor of the First Reformed Church of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., conveying an invitation from the Consistory to the Particular Synod, to hold its next Annual Session in that church.

A communication was received from the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions accrediting the Rev. James F. Riggs, of Bergen Point, N. J., as the representative of the Board before Synod, and bespeaking a hearing for him.

A similar communication was received from the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Domestic Missions, in behalf of the Rev. Charles I. Shepard, of Newtown, N. Y.

These communications from the Boards were referred to the Committee of Arrangements.

ARTICLE IV.

GENERAL SYNOD.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Synodical Minutes beg leave to report that they have had presented to them the Minutes of the Particular Synods of Albany, New Brunswick, Chicago and New York, as also the Minutes of General Synod. That further they have made careful examination of the same and find nothing calling for special notice.

JOHN HUTCHINS, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE V.

OTHER PARTICULAR SYNODS.

Copies of the Minutes of the Particular Synods of Albany, Chicago and New Brunswick were received, and referred to the Committee on Synodical Minutes.

ARTICLE VI.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE VII.

CLASSICAL REPORTS.

The Committee on Classical Reports, or the State of Religion, reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on the State of Religion would respectfully report, that they had placed in their hands the reports of all the Classes belonging to this Synod.

From the statistical tables we learn the following:

Number of churches comprised in these Classes, one hundred and fifty-five, the same as last year; number of ministers, one hundred and eighty-six, being an increase of seven (7); number of families, 14,685, which indicates a loss of three hundred and nine (309); number received on confession, seventeen hundred and ninety-five (1,795), being thirty-four (34) less than the number received previous year; number received on certificate, nine hundred and sixty-one (961), an increase of fifty-five; number dismissed, nine hundred and nine (909), it being seventy-three more than the year before; number suspended, one hundred and thirty-five (135), one hundred (100) more than the previous year; number died, four hundred and eighty-one (481), thirty-two (32) more than the year before; total in communion, 29,164, an increase of 461; infants baptized, 1,364, being eighty-eight less; adults baptized, 586, an increase of 173; number of baptized communicants, 6,616, an increase of 1,812; number of Sabbath schools, 278, being eighteen less than

last year; number of catechumens, 9,679, a loss of 952; total number of scholars in Sabbath schools, 35,489, a loss of 1,015 (owing possibly to imperfect reports); total amount contributed for religious and benevolent purposes, $136,-974.09, being an increase of $30,398.27; contributed for congregational purposes, $332,390, an increase of $3,423.38.

Thus it is seen that there has been no increase in the number of churches: A loss of 309 families; of eighteen Sabbath chools; of 952 catechumens; of 1,015 Sabbath school scholars. A gain in membership of 461; an increase in benevolent contributions of $30,398.27; and for congregational purposes, of $3,423.38. While these statements indicate but little advance, save in church membership and contributions, yet from the expressions of thankfulness, of cheerfulness and hope in the reports themselves, we have reason to believe that there has been a spiritual growth and strengthening throughout the churches. It is impossible at best to sum up, or represent in figures, the true and lasting work done for the the Master in any single year; but the dear Master knows and accepts it all. With strong faith and earnest work let the churches look up and press forward.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. I. SHEPARD, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF ARCOT.

The Lord's blessing has been with us during the year. One hundred and twenty-four persons have been added to our churches on confession, and one hundred and four by certificate. The death-roll is greater than ever before, as cholera claimed a number of our Christians as its victims. One hundred and thirteen have been dismissed; still we have a gain of eighty-nine over the number reported last year.

We desire and pray for greater blessings, and thank God and take courage, when reviewing the mercies of the past year. Brethren, pray for us.

JOHN SCUDDER, *Stated Clerk.*

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.

Your Committee would respectfully report:

An apparent loss of thirty-two families, but making allowance for the revision of the rolls of two churches, we find a real gain of at least fifteen families. There were ten more deaths than last year. The net gain in membership is sixty-one; in catechumens, one hundred and eighty-seven; in Sunday school scholars, eighty. The most significant increase is in the benevolent contributions, which are over one hundred and sixteen per cent. in advance of last year's gifts, while the offerings for congregational purposes are nearly three thousand dollars less than last year's contributions. Especial attention is called to the contributions of the Hudson church, whose gifts for benevolence have been much larger than the offerings for congregational purposes. We present the following from the Consistorial Reports:

First Claverack. Special services were held for four days last October, under the leadership of the Rev. W. W. Clark. A Society of Christian Endeavor has been in operation since November, and a Missionary Society, auxiliary to the Woman's Executive Committee of our Domestic Board, since February. Twenty-two have united with the church upon confession of faith in Christ. Benevolent contributions are more than forty-one per cent. better than last year. Debt for church expenses *has not been known* for the past six years.

Second Claverack. A Woman's Missionary Society has been formed, auxiliary to both our Home and Foreign Boards. Benevolent contributions are forty-five per cent. in advance of last year. Net gain in membership, seven.

Gallatin. Five members have united with the church upon confession of faith. Our finances are in a healthful state, but our benevolence not quite as good as desired. A winter of unexampled severity has been the cause of many small audiences, but on pleasant days and communion Sabbaths the attendance has been large.

Germantown. No report.

Greenport. Our work has been prosecuted with a gratifying degree of success. The services of the sanctuary have helped us to bear life's burdens, to fight the good fight of faith, and to lay hold on eternal life.

Hudson. Special notice is called to the efficiency of the membership, who have with a purpose and on a plan labored to edification. The ladies have been found no less faithful in the various organizations for church and charitable aid assigned to their charge. The Sunday school contains an unusual and growing proportion of adult members, whose hopeful influence upon the school and church is marked and encouraging. The benevolent contributions have been increased to an amount which, in proportion to our wealth and numbers, entitles us to a leading place in the denomination in this line of Christian duty and privilege.

Linlithgo. A faithful elder is not, for God has taken him. We who remain have occasion to testify to God's covenant faithfulness. Souls have been raised from death to life. The Lord has added unto the church four who have confessed Jesus Christ before men.

Livingston at Linlithgo. Twenty-three members have united with the church during the year—twenty-two on confession. The prayer meeting and Sabbath school are well attended. A Woman's Missionary Society has lately been organized. We raise our Ebenezer and say, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

Upper Red Hook. Our auxiliary societies to the Foreign and Domestic Boards are well organized, and continue to do the same good work with the same generous spirit. We exceed our apportionment for Foreign Missions, and have advanced in the total receipts for benevolence. Six members have been added to the church upon confession of their faith in Christ.

West Copake. Each department of the church has been in successful operation. The divine blessing has rested upon us. Six members have been received upon confession

of faith. What we need now is ability and grace to perform more work.

Ministerial Changes. The pastoral relation between John M. Reiner and the church of Gallatin has been dissolved, and Mr. Reiner allowed to demit the ministry. The pastoral relation between Harlan Paige Blair and the church of Germantown has also been dissolved. Irving P. Emerick has been received into the membership of the Classis from the New York and New Jersey Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. B. A. Bartholf has been received into our Classis from the Classis of Schenectady.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN G. GEBHARD, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.

Your Committee beg leave to submit the following Report:

It is with devout gratitude to God that we review the past year's work. We are impressed with a sense of the divine presence in our churches. The faithful presentation of the Word has been owned by the Master and in some of our churches many have confessed their faith in Christ. More members have been added to the churches on confession of faith than during any year since 1877—except the year 1886. The contributions for religious and benevolent purposes have exceeded those of last year by $809.33, still they do not yet reach an amount which appears a proper return for the rich spiritual blessings enjoyed.

Bloomingdale reports a prosperous condition of affairs. Although without a pastor since January 1st, they have now unanimously called another and hope to be favored with his services in the near future.

The Clove was without a pastor during the first half of the year, still preaching services were held every Sabbath, and the prayer meetings well sustained. Since the present pastor was settled "the work has gone on encouragingly," and faithful work has been done in the Sabbath schools. Special

mention is made of the activity of the Society of Christian Endeavor and the Ladies' Aid Society. The Holy Spirit appears to be striving with souls. "We look back with rejoicing and forward with hope."

Dashville Falls is without a pastor and the pulpit has been supplied only during a portion of the year. The Consistory have resolved, however, to hear candidates with a view of calling a pastor.

Guilford reports "no more than the usual spiritual interest." The prayer meetings are well sustained and the Sunday school work is carried on with zeal. The smallness of contributions for benevolence is attributed to the fact that the church has lost by dismission and death a number of liberal members.

Hurley, at present destitute of a pastor, simply sends statistics which show that twelve have been received into the church on confession of faith.

Kingston, Fair Street, reports a year of "growth and prosperity." Among the exceptional things marking the year have been the efforts to raise $1,000 for the Kingston scholarship in the Theological Seminary at Arcot, a large part of which has been raised and the placing of a new organ in the church at a cost of about $3,000.

Krumville regrets her inability to do more for religious and benevolent purposes, and trusts for divine strength in the embarrassments which threaten her church government.

Lyonsville reports statistics only.

Marbletown reports the refreshing of the Church. A Ladies' Aid Society has been organized, and made auxiliary to the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions and has sent its first contribution to the mission cause.

North Marbletown has given special attention to the subject of benevolence. The Board of Education, Disabled Ministers' Fund and Church Building Fund have been

added to the list of objects for benevolence. The Sabbath school is in a flourishing condition.

New Paltz notes with gratitude the healthy financial and spiritual condition of the church, and recognizes the Society of Christian Endeavor as a special source of blessing to the church. A suspended member has been restored to the privileges of membership.

Rochester has experienced the quickening influence of the Holy Spirit and some fruit has been gathered. The mission cause has been remembered in all the Sabbath schools. The ladies have been active in home work and have sent their first contributions to Foreign and Domestic Missions.

Rosendale rejoices in the evidences of the divine favor, and notes the "willingness of the people to sustain the interests of the church." The Woman's Christian Temperance Union is actively engaged in temperance work. The pastor, looking back over nearly four years' of labor in this field, feels encouraged. More have been added to this church on confession of faith than to any church in our Classis.

St. Remy has sustained the weekly prayer meeting in the absence of a pastor. The Sunday school was well attended during the entire year. Peace and harmony have prevailed. A pastor has been called in connection with *Bloomingdale.*

The following ministerial changes have taken place within the year :

Rev. D. B. Wyckoff was dismissed to the Classis of Rensselaer on November 29th, 1887. Rev. B. F. Snyder was received as a member of Classis. Rev. Herman Hageman was received from the Classis of Orange and installed over the church of The Clove, November 2d, 1887. The pastoral relation between Rev. J. M. Compton and the churches of Bloomingdale and St. Remy was dissolved and he was dismissed to the Classis of Montgomery, December 27th, 1887. The Rev. S. T. Searle has been received from the Classis of Passaic and will be installed as pastor over the church of Hurley May 8th, 1888.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. W. SCHOMP, *Chairman.*

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

The Committee on State of Religion submits the following Report:

There have been placed in our hands the Classical Reports of all our churches. A concordant tone sounds through all these reports. Not one fails to find great cause of thankfulness in the year's retrospect, and all alike view the future with a cheerfulness that bespeaks enthusiasm in the work of the New Year. From strength to strength is the summary of the reports of the churches—as to their experiences and hopes. Three special features in the church life are prominent in some of the reports: 1st. The power and promise of Societies of Christian Endeavor. 2d. The development of the resources hidden in the Sunday school. 3d. The helpfulness of Women's Auxiliary Societies.

A comparison with last year's statistics shows a gain in the number of families of one hundred and forty-one; in the number received on confession, a gain of one hundred and four; in the amount contributed for religious and benevolent purposes, a gain of $340.27; and for congregational purposes, a gain of $4,671.21. It is very much to be desired in the line of advances that all our churches should make their religious and benevolent contributions growingly approximate to their congregational expenses, and that an itemized statement of benevolences should accompany every church report. We invite attention to the voice of the churches gathered from statements subjoined to Statistical tables herewith presented.

Jamaica. "The past year has been full of blessings for the church. Our members have been revived; while many unconverted have seen a great light and have openly professed their religion. Our prayer meetings have grown in members and interest; thirteen new families have been added during the year. The church services have been fully attended. Our congregation is united and strong. The Consistory holds regular weekly meetings and attend the prayer meetings in a body regularly, and have undertaken to perform pastoral duties such as visiting the sick and bereaved, and the unconverted, and calling on new families." After mention-

ing the fact that twice their call for a pastor has been declined they conclude a report that speaks volumes for the wisdom and grace of people and Consistory by saying, "we firmly believe that God has a man somewhere suited to us and intended for us, and if we seek diligently we shall find him in God's own time."

Newtown, with nothing of special interest that it cares to report "gracefully notes the general prosperity that has crowned the labors of another year," speaks of loss by removal of families not easily replaced, and of gains in attendance upon chuch services, and of the addition of six to its communion. "The Sabbath school continues doing effective work. Contributions to the several boards and funds of the church exceed the usual amount."

Oyster Bay. The accessions to the communion of the church have not been large, but the growth has been a desirable one. The prayer meetings have increased in attendance, and more than doubled in the number of those taking part in them. Large credit for this is accorded to the Society of Christian Endeavor. The offerings for benevolence have been regularly made, and materially increased, thanks to the Sabbath school chiefly. Means are in hand for the erection of a chapel, that are not included in the amounts contributed for congregational purposes this year.

North Hempstead. Rejoicing in a new parsonage and a renovated church edifice, North Hempstead gladly contrasts the now of excellent facilities for church work with the past of inconvenience, and adds, "a people deeply interested, audience largely increased, congregations steadily growing, the outlook is bright. We may well thank God and take courage."

Williamsburg. "The records of the church show a rapid but steady increase in the number of pews rented, and in attendance upon our services. While we have had no large ingathering at any one time, there has been no communion season in which we have not had additions both on confession and on certificate." In the necrology of the church year, special mention is made of "Mr. Jonathan Burr, the senior

elder of our church, and a frequent delegate to this Classis," and of "Mrs. Sarah A. Wyckoff, the widow of a former founder and elder of this church," and of "Rev. Elbert S. Porter, the preceding pastor;" a tablet commemorative of his thirty-four years of service, and testifying to the appreciation and love of his people for him, is now being prepared for a place within the walls of the edifice, which itself stands as his memorial.

Astoria. In the comparison of this year with the preceding, the church of Astoria feels that its losses are more than offset. "Our work just now is to build a new church, pray God it may succeed. We hope to celebrate our semi-centennial with a dedication of a church building costing not less than $15,000. In January last, a very delightful and profitable missionary conference was held in this church by the women of the Classis."

Flushing. "The most prominent feature in the church life of the year, has probably been the steady growth of the young people's Society of Christian Endeavor, which now has a membership of over sixty, and maintains its social and religious exercises with increasing interest. The Sabbath school is flourishing, and its contributions to benevolence larger than in any preceding year. The church mourns its repeated losses by death, and rejoices in the earnest and efficient labors of the women of the church."

Greenpoint. "This church can gratefully report a prosperous year, even though it has met with many very serious losses by removals." Mention is made of large additions to the church, principally from the Sunday schools, which last have been greatly prospered. "The industrial school has been large, and good work accomplished by it. The mission work of the church, under the care of an efficient and faithful missionary, has had a very encouraging growth. The young people's Society of Christian Endeavor has been a very great help to the religious life of the church. Extensive and costly repairs have been made to our house of worship. A work undertaken heartily, carried on successfully and harmoniously."

South Bushwick. "The spiritual condition of the church is encouraging. A Christian Endeavor Society was started in December last, and has proved an excellent aid to spiritual activity and growth. Our church, not strong financially, but situated in the midst of a large population, has great opportunities to work for the Master. We ask the prayers of Classis, that we may be delivered entirely from the Laodicean spirit, and be willing to labor faithfully in the field about us, among the poor of this world."

Second Astoria. "We gladly record a marked unity. Peace and harmony reign in our midst; our attendance is encouraging; Sunday school increasing; our building too small for our numbers. Parochial school proves a benefit to the church; funds to carry on our work have been provided by the 'Giver of every good and perfect gift.' May we soon see our way open to the enlarging of our present building. The Lord will provide."

East Williamsburg. "This church, though one of the weakest in Classis and long without a pastor, presents in its report the evidences of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. Two services are held each Sabbath, the pulpit being supplied by students from the Union Seminary; the Sunday school is flourishing; a society of Christian Endeavor carries on a prayer meeting, and has been a great power for spiritual development."

Queens. The Rev. J. S. N. Demarest has succeeded the Rev. Andrew Hageman to the pastorate of this church during the year. The report from this church states: "We are glad to report a rallying of the forces all along the line. Nineteen have been added to the church during the year. A Young People's Prayer Meeting has been organized, also a Woman's Aid Society, and a Woman's Mission Auxiliary. We are about renovating our church edifice; $2,100 have been subscribed for this purpose."

German Evangelical, Brooklyn. No report, other than statistics.

Sayville. "This church is rejoicing in an era of pros-

perity. The three services on the Sabbath are well attended; the Sunday school is growing; the young people meet regularly during the week to study the Sunday school lesson and for the practice of American Hymns. There have been seventeen added to the church, and the spiritual awakening is manifest among the young people. Grateful mention is made of the services of Brother Lammers, student of the New Brunswick Seminary, in introducing the English language in some of our services. The near at hand necessity of a larger church building is hinted at, and the hope of reducing our applications for assistance from the Board of Domestic Mission at least fifty per cent., is modestly stated."

Locust Valley. "Our religious services are well attended by professing Christians, especially the prayer meetings. Financially the church is weak, or else its strength is not fully developed. Both are probably true."

College Point. "With hearty thanksgiving to the Lord, who has done much for us, and the good hope of wider usefulness in the perfecting of plans for extending our church work, and the establishment of a parochial school, we bring our Christian salutations."

First Long Island City. "With a deep sense of God's goodness we record the progress of our work for another year. Services are well attended. The interest on the part of the young people is very encouraging, and the outlook is one of progress."

Bushwick. "The year has been marked by continuous blessings. In all departments of work there has been steady progress; the church property has been increased and improved; the services are well attended; the spiritual condition reveals the presence of God. We enter another year with every prospect of success."

German Evangelical, Jamaica. Reports general improvement in spiritual life and material surroundings.

Jericho. The report from this church is painful reading. There are but three items in the table of statistics, viz:

Number of families, twenty; total in communion, eight; contributed for congregational purposes, $124. The report says: "Jericho is but a mission station. I believe," Bro. Gutweiler adds, "that it is right to keep up the preaching as heretofore, with the ultimate end in view of consolidation with the Hicksville church."

Hicksville. "There is a good future for this church. Our meetings are mostly attended by young people. It is certain that our people intend to build a suitable building for public worship. Harmony prevails in our midst and the Spirit of Christ is with us. Westbury, a large Quaker community, has also been supplied with the Gospel by Brother Gutweiler each Sabbath, and once during the week, with good prospects of a Reformed Church in the future."

Ministerial Changes.—Mr. Wm. H. Roberts, by dispensation of the General Synod, was examined and licensed to preach the Gospel on May 16, 1887, and having received a call was dismissed to the Presbytery of Long Island. Mr. Jean H. Clousar, by dispensation from the General Synod, was examined and licensed to preach the Gospel on July 11th, 1887, and having received a call from the church of Sayville, he was ordained and installed pastor of that church Nov. 10th, 1887. The pastoral relation between the Rev. Andrew Hageman and the church of Queens was dissolved August 22d, 1887, and he was dismissed to the church of Monmouth. The Rev. James S. N. Demarest was received from the Classis of Westchester Nov. 3d, 1887, and installed pastor of the church of Queens Nov. 3d, 1887. Mr. John Baumeister was licensed to preach the Gospel, Nov. 7th, 1887, and on January 31st, 1888, ordained for missionary service among the Germans in Newtown, L. I. The Rev. Elbert S. Porter, D. D., has been summoned to the Assembly on High. He died February 26th, 1888.

Respectfully submitted,

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SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

Your Committee has received statements of the standing of all the churches constituting this Classis; two only of the number limiting their report to the table of statistics. From these tidings much is derived, causing thankfulness and eliciting new vigor in the service of Christ.

Difficulties threatening to stay progress have in great measure been altogether overcome, or held in check and lessened. If there be loss in some directions, it is possible to find fairly reasonable causes for it, and to see that it is not irreparable. Much good has been secured through the Divine favor, and earnest work has been done in this part of God's spiritual possession by those who know and fear Him. Sure evidences there are that with all the churches in this ecclesiastical connection, the good spirit of the King, Jesus, has been abiding, and revealing His power; for, without exception, every "Communion" has this year welcomed to its fellowship and life some new witnesses for God, and many of the people have consecrated to the enlargement of His Kingdom, greater treasures than heretofore.

We submit somewhat in detail, the intelligence received from our churches for your information.

Brooklyn and Centennial Chapel. "The church having sold its former edifice is now worshipping temporarily in Centennial Chapel. The year's record with regard to both the church and chapel work, is therefore to be considered as one, and has much of encouragement in it. The services have been marked by the presence of the Holy Spirit, and attendance upon them has very appreciably increased. It is hardly too much to say that the congregations have doubled in size. The prayer meetings have been large and interesting. A Friday evening service has recently been started at a place near the site of the new church. No communion season has passed without some accessions, the total for the year being forty-five (45); of these, about two-thirds were upon confession of faith, including a number of very promising young men. The contributions for benevolent objects show a gain over those of the preceding year. Good results have followed the organization of a "Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor," with a present membership of

eighty (80). In view of these facts, and others quite as substantial, it is fair to conclude that this church has already entered upon a career which promises to be signally prosperous and useful."

Flatbush, with great cheerfulness of spirit, informs Classis: "Never before has our beloved church been in a more prosperous condition. The membership has increased, and the growth has been constant and regular. All the ordinances of the church have been carefully observed, and religious services, both in the sanctuary and elsewhere, have been honored. The Word has been faithfully preached, and all other ministrations by the pastor have been tendered with good will. The young people continue the interest they exhibited on first joining our communion, and a prayer meeting to train these young converts to take their part in the church work, and to lead in prayer, has been instituted by the pastor. In the Sunday school, there has been no decrease as to numbers. The spiritual interest so manifest last year at the communion season, when many of the pupils joined the church, continues to a good degree. The children of the Sunday School have been trained in benevolence, and make a weekly "offering for missions." The report states further: "That collections for benevolent purposes have been larger than usual, and special gifts were received for the work of Dr. Chamberlain in India." The report closes as follows: "This year completing the twenty-fifth of the pastorate of our beloved minister, the occasion was celebrated on the 5th of April in the church. The exercises were of great interest. There was every indication of a most genial and loving spirit throughout the congregation toward their pastor, and of a peaceful, christian feeling toward each other; evidences that the Word of God has been faithfully preached, and that our people have received in their hearts the truths which they endeavor to exemplify in their lives."

Flatbush Mission. "The prospects for growth seem very encouraging. The attendance has greatly increased during the past year, and interest in the services is well sustained. A 'Society of Christian Endeavor' has been established by the pastor, and is proving successful." The Sunday School has increased so materially that it became necessary to en-

large the building for its accommodation. The contributions through "Mite Boxes" amounted to $52, and the monthly collections from August last were $79.46; a liberal sum, in view of the ability of the contributors. "There is every reason to believe that the work of this chapel will be increasingly successful, and there is a settled conviction on the part of those interested and laboring here, that the time has come for making this a more regularly organized church, and that this step would add greatly to its usefulness."

New Utrecht. A review of the year just closed reveals a condition fairly satisfactory in all particulars. The regular and established interests of religion have received praiseworthy devotion. The people seem united and cheerful in effort, and there are indications of higher zeal in promoting the Divine Master's will. Various claims of charity have been recognized and responded to with commendable liberality. In addition to organizations already existing to advance the cause of "Missions," a "Young People's Missionary Society" has been formed, which has already done much in this direction, and promises great efficiency. The development of Christian character with many, and the conversion of others, who have also made profession of their faith in Jesus Christ, are gratifying and inspiriting evidences that the Lord's favor has not been withheld from this part of His heritage.

Gravesend rejoices in continued peace and prosperity. All services have been well sustained. Growth is indicated by the good number of accessions to the "Communion," largely from the young people, and by the marked increase in contributions by the congregation for many objects of benevolence.

Flatlands refers to the loss by death and removal, of old and tried friends; but is gratified to record that those who remain "have been faithful in their endeavors to promote the Master's Kingdom, and God's blessing has rested on their labors. The contributions to benevolence have slightly increased. The ladies have organized a Missionary Society, from which it is believed that the church will receive a new interest in the spread of Christ's saving power in the world.

The results of the year are encouraging, and by them desire is quickened to work and pray for still greater blessings."

New Lots. In this field a quiet but important and profitable work has been carried on, special attention being given to the spiritual education and cultivation of those who, under the refreshing influences of the Holy Ghost, were lately "made alive unto God." Other efforts are in part indicated by the statements that "in addition to a regular Friday evening chapel service, frequent cottage prayer meetings are held, and that the attendance upon them is remarkably good." And "that there is endeavor to keep before the people the fact that 'the field is the world.'" A most hopeful spirit possesses this church, and manifests itself above the intimations of some discouragements, and makes pastor and people glad that the work of the Lord prospers in their keeping, and that by their labor, unusual gifts have been secured to send abroad the everlasting Gospel.

East New York. Great thankfulness is expressed by this congregation for the delightful harmony which exists among them, and for the progress being made in things both temporal and spiritual. Church, Sunday school, and prayer meeting services receive cordial support, as do also other enterprises. "The interest manifested in benevolence remains the same, and is very commendable. The Gospel preached by the pastor has been such as to interest the congregation, and it has been preached in all its fullness."

South Brooklyn says: "The church has kept even pace with the increase of population, and has suffered but little check in permanent growth from the addition of two newly organized churches—Baptist and Episcopal—to the Evangelistic means at work in our section of the city. Within five years our membership has made a net gain of eighty-six. Within the past year our parsonage has been removed from its old location and rebuilt, on a far more convenient site. Toward the expense of this work the congregation has given $1,500, and will soon reduce the balance of their indebtedness. Notwithstanding this unusual effort, they have slightly increased their benevolent contributions, have decreased the aid requested from the Board of Domestic Mis-

sions by $50, and have added somewhat to the sum raised for church expenses. Additions to the church and congregation are being constantly made, and a few more seasons of similar growth will put us in a condition of entire self-support, and greater liberality toward our denominational work."

Twelfth Street, Brooklyn. Sends statistics only.

North Brooklyn remarks: "An increasing interest is being manifested in all departments of church work. This is indicated by a larger attendance at all the services. The improvement is noticeable, and so gradual and steady, as to give hopes of permanence. Both pastor and people feel that there is every reasonable ground to believe that the church will now live and be able to do a good work for many years. We trust that after this year we shall become entirely self-supporting and also a contributor to the Classical work and the general work of the denomination."

Church-on-Heights, Brooklyn. Nothing is added to the table of statistics, except the statement that the Rev. A. J. Hutton resigned in September last, and that the pulpit is now being supplied with great acceptance by the Rev. Wm. Walton Clark.

New Brooklyn reports: "That in all the departments of church work there is progress. The church feels the impulse of the rapid development of our section of the city. We are gaining in spiritual and temporal things. Religious services are well attended. The prayer-meetings are a source of blessing to many. There are several well organized societies among us doing good work."

Bedford says: "Although contending with many and serious difficulties, the net loss in membership has not been great—twenty-eight in all—and that the reduction as between the present report and that of 1887 is accounted for in that a very careful sifting of the roll of former years has been made." Special effort is being made to bring the children under catechetical instruction. A number of young people have organized for spiritual improvement and work. They hold, among other meetings, one every Sunday even-

ing before the regular preaching service and from forty to fifty attend it. The church feels encouraged; and in speaking of their religious condition says: "The fire burns brightly upon the altar, and those recently converted especially show a fine enthusiasm."

Second Flatbush. After a long season of very severe trial, and after many sorrows and losses, this church finds itself rejoicing again in hope, and with vigor has anew begun its work. In December last the Rev. Carl Shulz was called as pastor, and under his administration "contentedness, unity and expectancy prevail. Attendance at church, the Sunday school and the prayer meetings is very good." The report refers with very sincere gratitude to a number of kindly services rendered by ministers of the Reformed Church to this congregation in their day of need. Making special and rightful mention of the Rev. Dr. Wells, and the Rev. R. G. Strong for their wise and liberal assistance.

Cæsarea gratefully mentions, that: "The past year has been marked by peace and harmony, and united effort for aggressive work. The means of grace have been maintained and enjoyed by the congregation, and judging from the condition of our Society here, we have done well and advanced all along the line. We have completed a parsonage at a cost of nearly $2,000, $700 of which have already been paid by our own people. We are hopeful, and wait for God to bless our efforts and crown His work here with abundant success."

St. Thomas, West Indies. The present report covers a period of about ten months, the time since the beginning of the present pastorate, and is as follows: "After a vacancy of nearly a year, the congregation gave its pastor on his arrival a hearty welcome, and have throughout accorded him a cordial co-operation in all the departments of church work. The attendance upon the ordinary Sabbath services has been gradually growing. The Sabbath school has shown a decided increase in members and interest. The benevolence of the congregation has been called out through the church and Sabbath school. We are enabled to report this year a collection for each of the Boards of the Church. The Sabbath school has assumed the support of a heathen boy,

to be educated for the Gospel ministry, and they are enthusiastic in the work. According to a long established custom in the church a confirmation class of nineteen members, is now under a course of weekly instruction in the catechism, by the pastor. These are among the encouraging aspects of the work. There are those of an opposite character, among which, may be named the gradual decline of trade and the consequent decrease of means for the support of the Gospel, felt by all the churches in common. Sabbath desecration, violation of the marriage relation, intemperance and profanity are among the crying sins. But against this wickedness there are faithful ones constantly striving."

Ocean Hill has enjoyed to a large degree the Divine favor; good results have followed the faithful use of the means of grace. The congregation is united and is constantly growing in numbers and efficiency. The report states: "The church and prayer meeting services have been well attended. The Sunday school has received cordial support. The 'Young People's Association' and 'Ladies Aid Society' are factors of growing helpfulness to the church. The pastor has instituted a monthly meeting for catechetical instruction, and counsel to young converts. To all our organized efforts and religious work, the Lord has added His blessing and made them instrumental to the ingathering of souls, so that wanting two, our membership has been doubled the past year." The prosperity accorded this young church thus far in its career, gives confidence that still greater good awaits it; and with faith it enters upon the work it has yet to accomplish.

Ministerial Changes.—Rev. M. G. Hansen was dismissed on April 19th, 1887, to the Classis of Montgomery. Rev. Wm. H. Ford was dismissed to the North Classis of Long Island.—Bushwick Church. Rev. F. E. Schleider was received from the Classis of Raritan and installed pastor of the Church of Canarsie. Rev. C. B. Chapin was received from the Presbytery of Nassau. The licentiate, J. Tallmadge Bergen, was dismissed to the Classis of Ulster. *Harrison Street* (*Middle Church*) became extinct, sold May 1st, 1887. May 23d, 1887, the student, Benj. E. Dickhaut, was examined, licensed and dismissed to the

Classis of New York. October 5th, 1887, the pastoral relation between the "Church-on-the-Heights" and the Rev. A. J. Hutton was dissolved, and he was dismissed to the Presbytery of Rochester, N. Y. The pastoral relation between the Rev. U. D. Gulick and the "Twelfth Street Church" was dissolved October 18th, 1887. The Rev. H. W. George was received from the Presbytery of Topeka, Kan. The Rev. Carl Scholz was received from the "German Evangelical Lutheran Church," of Columbus, Neb., examined and installed over the Second Reformed Church, of Flatbush, L. I., January 8th, 1888. The Rev. C. Dickhaut died December 30th, 1887.

Respectfully submitted,

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CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

In taking the pulse of our Reformed Church as represented in the various congregations belonging to this Classis, we have been led to note several indications of life and growth, which show conclusively a healthy and robust condition of things.

First, the accessions to the church have been large, and many have been drawn from the ranks of the world, aggregating 938, which is a substantial gain of 635, though 164 less than the number received last year.

Second, the benevolent and missionary work has been exceedingly active and progressive, showing thoroughness of organization, and practicality of methods. The gain over last year in offerings for religious and benevolent purposes is $22,079.46, or aggregating $75,380.13. The following churches have contributed to all the Boards: Collegiate, Harlem; South; Staten Island; Bloomingdale; Thirty-fourth street; German Evangelical Mission; St. Paul's; Mott Haven; Union, High Bridge; Fourth German; Prospect Hill; Avenue B German Evangelical; Brighton Heights; German, Norfolk Street; Kreischerville; German Evangelical of Yorkville. Holland and Madison Avenue to all but one. Huguenots, Union, Sixth Avenue, and Manor Chapel to all but three.

Third, the Sunday school and Catechetical classes seem to have had in a special manner the care of the church, with large accessions to her membership from the ranks of the baptized children.

Fourth, the amount of money raised and expended for the conducting of congregational enterprises, shows a gratifying interest in the affairs of Zion. The gain over last year in contributions for congregational purposes is $18,360.26, aggregating $100,635.17. In this we have a very fair exponent of the faith of our people in the present and future mission of the Reformed Church in the conversion of the world.

Every congregation may not manifest an equal degree of life in all these particulars, yet we may truly say not one has failed to experience the favor of God in one or more of these channels of usefulness.

It is but fair to all that attention of Classis should be called to the difference between *down-town* and *up-town* work. As one familiar with all forms of Christian work in New York City has said, "*Making* a church and *gathering* one are very different things."

Down-town churches depleted continually by the removal of many of their best families, must *make* additions to their membership, often out of very crude and unpromising material. Up-town churches are permitted to *gather* good active members coming to them from down-town, by whose co-operation the advance of the church can be made almost irresistible.

We need more up-town churches to *gather* in the people. We need money and devoted workers down town to maintain the laborious but glorious task of *compelling* the masses of non-church-goers to come in.

With this contrast in view we may study the reports of the different congregrations and arrive at a just estimate of the work done throughout the bounds of our Classis.

The Collegiate Church has suffered during the year from the illness of two of its ministers. As the last report stated, Dr. Coe was for this reason absent from his post of duty until September, when he returned with fully restored health. In December, Dr. Ormiston was compelled to desist from preaching on account of a loss of voice which proved so

serious and persistent that he subsequently decided to resign his charge. The diminution in the number of members received as compared with the previous year may be thus in a measure accounted for. In other respects the work of the church has gone forward as usual. The efficiency of the Middle Church has suffered scarcely any abatement from the removal to temporary quarters. The operations of the Knox Memorial and De Witt Chapels have been ably and faithfully conducted, but in the case of the former were interrupted by the serious illness of Mr. Kommers. The benevolent offerings of the church have been, as will be seen from the statistical table, unusually large, giving occasion for both gratitude and hope, and never before, perhaps, have so many of our people been engaged in those various forms of Christian labor which cannot here be enumerated, but which represent a true devotion to the service of Christ.

The Harlem Collegiate reports: "It is gratifying to notice in this church how prominent and vigorous all the characteristics of life and health are, so far as they can be reported. Accessions numerous; Sunday school work growing rapidly and solidly; benevolent and missionary societies active and well organized."

The First Church has every reason for devout gratitude. Peace has been within her walls and a large proportion of her members have illustrated Christian earnestness and activity. Every Lord's Supper has witnessed the addition of a considerable number of converts to the communion of the church. The Superintendent of the Sabbath school reports the last year to have been the most prosperous in its history. So we thank God and take courage.

The Second Church reports: "There is not a pew to rent in the auditorium and many are rented in the gallery. All the services have been well attended. The church is full and the Sabbath school full to overflowing, necessitating enlargement. All the organized activities of the church have been characterized by a spirit of earnestness and harmony throughout the year. The future of the Harlem Church is most promising."

The South Church. The benevolent and missionary work

of this church has been as in other years a striking feature, thus fulfilling nobly its mission as a down town church. "The year has been one of slow growth, just enough advance to prove the existence of life."

Manor Chapel (*South Church*) reports: "While we cannot record as many accessions to our church as last year, we have added to our working force those who promise to develop into most devoted and efficient workers. We have given the year largely to the organization of societies for the purpose of calling into active service all classes of our present membership. A Young Men's League has been started for the training of young men in Christian work, with most gratifying results. A Woman's Missionary and Aid Society has been organized among the women, having also a department for young girls. The boys are soon to be organized into a League for Mutual Improvement and Mission Work. Our work is almost hopelessly cramped by the pressing need for a suitable building and larger revenues. By these insurmountable obstacles we are shut out from that prosperous church life for which we have labored. The growth in our Missionary spirit is seen in the increased offerings of church and Sunday school."

Staten Island sends the following: "There has been much in the past year for which as a church we have reason to be thankful. The public services both on the Sabbath and through the week have been largely attended, and the congregation has been increased by the addition of several families. The two Sabbath schools are growing and are doing most excellent work. While the number we have received into the church has been about the same as in former years, there are the brightest prospects before us in the rapidly increasing population, and we have every reason to hope for a larger membership and wider usefulness in the near future."

Bloomingdale reports a gain of fifty-two members. "We report progress. The unprecedently hard winter and our exposed situation in the midst of empty lots and uncleaned sidewalks affected the attendance somewhat at church, prayer meeting, and Sunday school, through the cold

weather. Our work is on a practical basis. We have sustained the past year an industrial school numbering 200, a singing school numbering twenty, and a free reading room. We have organized a Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, which is doing well. The Ladies Missionary Society in addition to their work in aid of Foreign and Domestic Missions, has held meetings each week for the making of new garments and the altering of old clothes, and the distribution of these among our outlying neighborhood poor. The ordinary means of grace have been in constant prayerful use."

Madison Avenue. "We mention with devout gratitude to our Heavenly Father the abiding presence of His Holy Spirit in our midst, blessing the faithful labors of our beloved pastor. During the year our church building has been greatly beautified and the chapel completed, giving us enlarged facilities for church work, so that now we have the church complete in all its appointments, and truly we can say 'strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.' All the various departments of church work have been carried on as in the preceding year with increased vigor and interest, besides several additions of benevolent work. The Sabbath services have been largely attended, both morning and evening, and at every communion season large additions have been made to the membership. The prayer meeting, led always by the pastor, is also largely attended and full of interest and we are sure that deep religious impressions are made there week after week upon the minds and hearts of those who attend. The Sunday school of the church, with its increased accommodations, is in a flourishing condition and many have come from its ranks and united with the church. Our Young Men's Association with its attractive rooms, library, etc., open three or four evenings each week, to which all young men are invited, is a power for good in the church. During the year many of the young men have come out and confessed Christ as their Saviour. The women of the church have been doing a noble work, both in Home and Foreign Missions.

"Since the year began the Consistory have furnished a new home for its Mission Sunday school which had out-

grown its former quarters. We have now a building, 440 E. 57th street, five stories high, all occupied by mission work. The school is large, filled with children from the neglected district near by. A grand and blessed work is being done. Some of the scholars have confessed Christ during the year. In connection with the school a Gospel prayer meeting is held every Tuesday evening for the parents of the neighborhood and a good work for Christ is being done. A large Industrial School is also held every week under the care of the young ladies. The past summer a Working Girl's Club was opened in the second story of the mission building, under the superintendence of a Christian woman of the church. Here are inviting rooms well furnished, with a good library, open every evening except Sunday, to which all working girls, irrespective of creed or nationality, are invited that they may come and join the club and spend their evenings. Classes are also formed to instruct them in woman's work that will ennoble them and help them in their future lives, not forgetting all the while their spiritual welfare. During the autumn a Day Nursery was opened to which mothers can intrust their children while they are working through the week. In the Working Girl's Club and Day Nursery we have received large substantial aid, not only from our own people, but also from those who are not connected with our church or denomination."

Thirty-fourth Street reports: "The year has been one of faithful and uninterrupted effort in all departments of church work, with services on the Sabbath and prayer meetings during the week encouragingly attended. As during several years past, we have held our own notwithstanding unfavorable environments."

German Evangelical Church has this to say: "Our regular church services have been held without interruption throughout the entire year. The attendance might have been better, especially as regards the second service on the Sabbath, and the weekly meetings. One of the latter, the Young People's, however, is an exception. This is always largely attended. They show great interest in their meeting, and always secure a goodly number. Our status in benevo-

lence is about the same as in former years. We have remembered all our Boards with liberal donations, and have done considerable for several other charitable causes. We had a delightful Easter Service; a full house, fine singing by our volunteer choir, which just now is large and in excellent trim, and a special collection for our Boards of Missions, of which we need not be ashamed. We have now one of our elders employed as Missionary, who goes from house to house in the vicinity of the church, to invite young and old. Our Sabbath school is doing fairly under the circumstances. We are about to secure better accommodations and facilities in our school rooms, and hope for better results from this branch of our church when we shall have completed these improvements. We have also started a children's service in the afternoon once a month, which promises well. On the whole, we have reason to be thankful for the blessings we enjoy, and for the good we are privileged to do in the Lord's cause.

Huguenots. "The church services, Sunday school instruction in the word of God and the Heidelberg Catechism, have been maintained without intermission through the past year. The number of attendants on church services is about seventy-five; our Sunday school numbers ninety-one, with an average attendance of forty-two. Our membership is small, but we are devoted to our church, and attentive to the word preached, and are trying to maintain our church and help each other. Our church is by the seaside, where the Gospel is greatly needed. Many who attend our worship have no church-home, not being permanent residents, and some are not regular attendants. Ours is, at least for the present, decidedly Mission ground. We need help and sympathy. The help extended to us through the Domestic Board is very thankfully received. We notice by last report of General Synod that less than fifty cents has been the *pro rata* gifts of the members of our denomination to the Domestic Board. Ours this year has been two dollars, and to all the Boards two dollars and fifty cents. This is small enough, but we feel gratified that we are not the least in this respect. The past year we have had the stated preaching of the Word by one of our students from New Brunswick, whom we esteem very highly."

St. Paul's, Mott Haven. "The present pastor has been here but four months. During that time the congregations have increased fully forty per cent. A Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor has been organized, and is well sustained. The attendance at the weekly lecture has grown from an average of forty to an average of one hundred. The Treasurer's books show that the contributions have increased forty per cent. Some church improvements have been made, and money has been saved for still further improvements during the vacation weeks. The Sunday school is flourishing. The Ladies' Aid Society is in a vigorous condition. The general state of religion is encouraging. The list of names has been revised, and forty-eight names have been placed on the retired list."

Union, High Bridge. We are encouraged to expect great things from this church, as the following account of the life and activity will show: "This church expresses its gratitude to God for a year marked by spiritual growth and temporal prosperity. The membership has increased, the Sabbath school greatly enlarged, and all the services of the sanctuary are well sustained. The contributions for benevolent purposes exceed those of last year. The building fund of the new stone edifice is steadily growing. The pastor's salary has been increased. All branches of the church work are in active operation. Two Missionary Societies, a Women's Employment Society, a King's Daughter's Society, a Children's Industrial School, a Young People's Literary Society, three weekly prayer meetings, besides the regular Sabbath services, are elements in the active life of this church. By the liberality of one of the elders, an additional lot has just been presented to us, so that the church owns seven city lots free from debt. The new church building under process of erection, will be ready for occupancy, it is hoped, within this year."

Fourth German reports: "The past year has proven to us the faithfulness of our covenant-keeping God. His blessings have followed the stated preaching of the Word of Life and the prayers of His people. The attendance on the services of the church has been steady and a spirit of earnestness among the members of the congregation has manifested

itself. Besides, there is shown a greater readiness to do the Lord's work in church and Sunday school and especially among the young people. A lady missionary has been employed to look after those of our countrymen who have become estranged from the House of God. Thus are we encouraged to look for still richer blessings."

Prospect Hill has this to say: "The Prospect Hill Reformed Church has labored during the past year under peculiar discouragements, but rejoices in the manifest tokens of the Divine presence. Called in the providence of God to worship in a hired hall, it has been seriously hampered in its efforts to extend the cause of Christ, but notwithstanding the difficulties encountered it has continued its labors in all branches of its work, and is grateful for marks of the Lord's favor experienced. Its various organizations report a devoted constituency and a vigorous life. The great temporal need of the church is a permanent church home, which will no doubt be erected as soon as a part of the real estate, which the church possesses, is disposed of. With this want supplied, the future of the church ought to be very bright. May the Great Head of the Church vouchsafe His guidance and blessing!"

Holland. "With sincere gratitude to the Head of the Church, the Lord Jesus Christ, we report that our God and Father, who had taken away our beloved pastor, the Rev. A. H. Bechthold, has in mercy given us another one, the Rev. J. W. Warnshuis, who came among us the 1st of July last and was duly installed by Classis on the 18th of September following. The labors of our pastor are not in vain. To what extent these labors are a blessing and what amount of good is thereby accomplished the final reckoning at the coming of the Master can only reveal. As is shown by the above statistics fifteen members have been added to our communion; ten on confession and five by certificate. A Ladies' Benevolent Society has also been organized, which is doing a good work. As Classis well knows, the condition of our church was everything but peaceable and harmonious previous to the settlement of our pastor. We can now say peace dwells within our walls, and we trust the Lord will continue to give prosperity. Old differences have been

settled and the inflicted wounds are healing. Our church being the only one in the city of native Hollanders, many of the Holland immigrants come to our pastor for advice and assistance. The aid, the counsel and warnings given in the spirit of Christian love are inestimable. Young men and women almost given up to despair have been rescued, provided with good positions and brought under Christian influences. This little Holland church is indispensable—an absolute necessity in the city of New York. The work of our pastor in Castle Garden is a blessing to the whole church. The seed sown there among the immigrants is taken with them to their distant homes in the far West. The first impressions here given are lasting for all time and eternity."

Avenue B, German Evangelical. "Our statistical report reveals our real progress in church work. With thankful hearts we acknowledge the goodness of God to us in the past year. We can say that our condition is one of substantial prosperity. The year closes with the manifestation of the presence of the Holy Spirit in converting power. Our Sunday services are largely attended, morning and evening. The Sunday school and weekly meetings all give evidence of increased spiritual interest. We have also gathered into the fold of our church many precious souls from the world. We renewed our church edifice inside by removing the old pews and cushions, and putting in new pews and cushions. We frescoed and carpeted the church, all at an expense of over four thousand dollars, contributed by the congregation. We also have contributed to all our Boards."

Brighton Heights "Thanks the Lord for many benefits, and rejoices in a quiet prosperity, which gives good hope for things to come." The missionary spirit seems to pervade this church, as will be seen from the many objects of benevolence to which their offerings have been devoted. The revision of the church roll gives us a fair estimate of the faithful body of workers who are ready to do God's work in that field.

Union, Sixth Avenue. This church being without a pastor, sends us only the statistical table, from which we learn, that while a number have withdrawn from the membership by

letter, some have been received, and there still remains a faithful body of believers who continue to worship and labor in the home church. May the great Head of the Church send them speedily an efficient and devoted pastor, to lead these people into a large and prosperous church work.

German, Norfolk Street, reports: "We have every reason for rejoicing when we think of God's blessing upon us in the past year. The remainder of our church debt, amounting to somewhat over $1,000, has been cancelled. Our contributions for religious and benevolent purposes have increased. The additions to the church seem promising, and the attendance at the Sunday services and week-day prayer meeting is larger. Trusting in God for a continuation of his favor, we are as hopeful for the future as we are thankful for the past."

Kreischerville. The statistical report shows an attempt to realize the hope expressed last year, that the church might in the future be able to contribute to the Boards. To each of the Boards and Funds of the Reformed Church a contribution has been sent. This is but the beginning of still better things for these struggling people.

German Evangelical of Yorkville sends word: "In spite of many adverse circumstances, the removal from our hall, 86th street and 3d avenue, to the Central Baptist Church, 83d street near 2d avenue, and the change of our morning and evening service to a most inconvenient hour on Sunday afternoon, our church is in a most prosperous condition and we have reason to praise the Lord and forget not all his benefits. Fourteen adults were added to our membership within the last six months. Our Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor and Ladies Sewing Circle are doing a splendid work. The Sunday school is well attended by both teachers and scholars. With the grace of God and the liberal contributions of our church members, we have at last started to build our new church. It will be a most beautiful Gothic structure, with an Ohio sandstone front and will cost $33.400. 'Save now we beseech thee, O Lord, we beseech thee send now prosperity.'"

Grace reports: "Although laboring under many discour-

agements we have grown stronger materially and spiritually during the year. The chief difficulties in building up the church are, the lack of a suitable building for organized Christian work, and the fluctuating population from which the congregation is drawn. Thirty families enrolled at the beginning of the year have since moved from the neighborhood. The additions have overbalanced the loss. The weekly services including two prayer meetings have been steadily maintained, and special services held at the four Communion seasons. The additions to the church have come equally at each of these. The Sunday school has largely increased in numbers and efficiency. All the church organizations including the Woman's Missionary Society, the Social Union, the Sewing Society, the Industrial School and the Children's Mission Band, have met regularly and with increased interest. We gratefully acknowledge the support of our Mother Church."

The following ministerial changes have taken place: April 19th, 1887, the pastoral relation between the Rev. E. S. Fairchild and the Union Sixth Avenue Church was dissolved. April 19th, the name of Rev. Wm. Miller was removed from the roll of the Classis, he having demitted the ministry. April 25th, the Rev. John Hutchins was received from the Classis of Orange, and May 17th was installed as pastor of Brighton Heights Reformed Church, Staten Island. April 25th, the Rev. Kenneth F. Junor, M.D., was received as a member of Classis. From the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, May 30th, Mr. Benjamin E. Dickhaut was received and examined for ordination as a missionary, and June 15th, was ordained assistant pastor of De Witt Chapel. June 12th, Rev. J. W. Warnshuis was received from Classis of Paramus, and on the third Sabbath of September installed pastor of the Holland Church, New York City. July 18th the Rev. H. Du Bois resigned the pastorate of the Mott Haven Reformed Church. January 9th, 1888, the Rev. John F. Hooper was received from the Presbytery of North River, and on the 31st of January, was installed pastor of the St. Paul's Reformed Church of Mott Haven.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. BILLINGSLEY, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.

Reports have been received from the following churches: Mamakating, Montgomery, New Hurley, New Prospect, Shawangunk, Walden, Bloomingburgh, Newburgh, Grahamville, Wallkill Valley, Ellenville, Calicoon. After a careful reading of said Reports, your Committee find much to cheer and encourage.

The first encouraging fact is that nearly all our pulpits are supplied with faithful pastors, and thus the Gospel has been regularly preached and the sacraments administered with happy results. While no special revivals are reported, yet accessions in larger numbers than usual are reported in many churches. Several of the churches speak of an additional interest awakened among the young people of the congregation, as a result of organized effort under the lead of the "Society of Christian Endeavor," and one of the people of the study of the "Chatauqua Series." Another encouraging feature is the general interest and churches (Montgomery) speaks of the benefit to their young prosperity of the Sabbath school work in the churches of the Classis, and the additions have been largely from those who have been taught and trained in our Sabbath schools. There has been a net gain in all the churches of about sixty members. In some of the churches the additions have just balanced their loss. In one or two the loss has been greater than the gain; while in others there has been a material addition to their strength and membership, giving fresh courage and hope.

The benevolence of the churches presents a material increase above that of previous years. Our secretaries may fail to see this, but figures are not always a true index of the heart of the church. Aggregate of benevolence the past year, $4,500. Aggregate for the general expenses of our churches, $20,000. This is money given to the Lord, and money given to the Lord is treasure laid up in heaven. The encouragement we thus gather is found in the general interest and welfare of the churches. With scarcely an exception all speak hopefully and encouragingly for the future. Thanking the great Head of the Church for his watchful care and providence over the churches, we his

servants and fellow-helpers would still say, "Here, Lord, are we, what hast thou yet for us to do?" In view of all, the Classis of Orange would still sing the old song, "Hold the fort." We have a vast territory, stretching from the Hudson to the Delaware river, from Water Gap to Shandokin Mountain in the north, and with little conflicting interests with other denominations. Our German field, too, in the Calicoon district, is hopeful under the guiding hand of Rev. Miller, who we learn is about to leave this field. Our old men are failing, but the Lord is sending new recruits, young men to enter in and take possession of the land for Jesus.

The following is a tabular statement:

Number of churches, twenty-three; number of ministers, eighteen; number of families, 1,684; received on confession, 143; received on certificate, sixty-three; dismissed, eighty-seven; died, seventy-six; total in communion, 3,242; baptism, infants, ninety-three, adults, sixty-five; baptized non-communicants, 456; catechumens, 897; Sabbath schools, twenty-six; number of scholars, 2,682; religious and benevolent purposes, $5,260.49; congregational purposes, $24,518.87.

N. B.—We hail with rejoicing the prospect of a union of the two Reformed Churches of this land, the German and Dutch. That they may be one.

The following changes have taken place in the Classis: The pastoral relation between Rev. Goyn Talmage and the church of Port Jervis was dissolved Oct. 18, 1887. Rev. L. L. Taylor was received from Classis of Newark and installed pastor of church of Port Jervis, Oct. 19, 1887. Pastoral relation between Rev. A. Westveer and church of Berea was dissolved Oct. 18, 1887, and he was dismissed to the Classis of Philadelphia. Rev. H. A. Hendrickson was received Oct. 18, 1887, from the Classis of Rensselaer, and was installed pastor of the church of Ellenville, Nov. 15, 1887. The pastoral relation between Rev. H. Hageman and church of Cuddebackville, was dissolved Oct. 18, 1887, and he was dismissed to Classis of Kingston. The pastoral relation between Rev. W. S. Brown and the church of Fallsburgh, was dissolved April 18, 1888. The pastoral relation between Rev. H. Miller and the church of Callicoon, was dissolved April 18,

1888, and he was dismissed to the Classis of Albany. Rev. I. E. Bernart was received from Classis of Passaic, Oct. 17, 1887.

M. V. SCHOONMAKER, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

Report of Committee on the State of Religion :

Another year has passed away and its actions are matter of record. It is pleasant to note a hopeful and thankful spirit pervading the reports of the different churches. The number added to our communion is much larger than that of last year. The contributions for benevolence in some of the churches have been greatly increased.

First Poughkeepsie reports prosperity, Christian fellowship, a vigorous and successful Sunday school and efficient ladies' and young people's societies.

Second Poughkeepsie. No report, other than statistics.

Fishkill. No report, other than statistics.

Hopewell reports edification of believers, frequent additions to the membership, marked development of the young in spirituality, the acquisition of a "Y. M. C. A." building, and calls attention again to the Sunday evening prayer meeting conducted by the laity.

New Hackensack reports its condition the same as last year. The calling of a new pastor, whose settlement among the people gives promise of new life.

Hyde Park speaks of decidedly better benevolent contributions, and says that peace and united work and prayer furnish reasons for thankfulness and hope.

Fishkill Landing mourns the death of one its most faithful workers, Mrs. Walter Brett, but rejoices in the good attendance upon the means of grace, the flourishing condition of the Sunday school, the prosperity of the prayer meetings, and the efficiency of the ladies in home and missionary work.

Rhinebeck has regularly maintained the means of grace, auspiciously settled a new pastor, the Rev. J. Romeyn Berry, D.D., reports a growing attendance upon the Sabbath and weekly service, an increasing interest in the benevolent operations of the church, and the payment of a floating debt.

Glenham shows a good interest in various kinds of Christian work, has a weekly meeting of the young people for prayer, and a growing Sunday school.

Cold Spring has engaged the Rev. Edw. J. Runk as Stated Supply, under whose leadership there have been regular services and the introduction of responsive reading of the Psalms. A class for Bible and catechism study meets Wednesday afternoons. A hope is expressed that the church will soon become self-sustaining.

Mill Brook reports a continuance in the work which God has committed to our hands and looks forward with expectation of greater blessing in the near future.

The following ministerial changes have occurred :

Rev. J. B. Campbell has been dismissed from the church of Rhinebeck and from the Classis to the Classis of Monmouth. Rev. H. Ward has been dismissed from the church of New Hackensack and from the Classis to the Classis of Bergen. Rev. P. S. Beekman has been received as a licentiate from the Classis of New Brunswick and has been ordained and installed as pastor of the church of Glenham. Rev. F. A. M. Brown has been received from the Presbytery of Utica and has been installed as pastor of the Second Church of Poughkeepsie. Rev. James Romeyn Berry has been received from the Presbytery of Newark and has been installed as pastor of the church of Rhinebeck. Rev. William A. Dumont has been received from the Classis of Westchester and has been installed as pastor of the church of New Hackensack.

By direction of Classis the above is added to the report to Particular Synod.

J. EDWARD LYALL, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.

The fourteen churches of Westchester Classis whose reports stand below, almost in full, show a falling off of benevolence, $400; raising, $4,740.56; and in congregational expenses, over $2,000, raising $31,605.90. This is due probably to three churches being vacant and one divided. They have gained twenty-eight in communicants over last year, one hundred and sixty-seven in all; one hundred and eleven on confession of the faith.

Two facts come to light concerning the spiritual condition of the Classis. 1st. One-half of the churches report decided spiritual quickening. 2d. That this quickening is mainly among the young people by the founding of "Societies of Christian Endeavor" and the increased interest in Sabbath schools, and awakened prayer-meeting life. And thus the spirit of hopefulness pervades the reports, that tokens future increase.

Bronxville "is at present without a pastor, services are held regularly, Sabbath morning and evening, and the week-night meeting maintained. There is some interest in the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, from which we hope much good." This church has also long maintained an active Women's Missionary Society, auxiliary to both boards.

Cortlandtown. "We have nothing special to report on the spiritual condition of our congregation. The religious services are well sustained and especially is there an increased interest on the part of our young people of the Sunday schools in the Sabbath day services, which we hope will be fruitful for a rich ingathering of precious souls."

Fordham. "Our church has to record the death of a beloved pastor, Wm. Anderson, and the call to the full pastorate of his son, who for five years had shared with his father the pulpit and pastoral charge of the church. The Lord's sustaining presence has been with us; nineteen souls have come to His table, and fourteen on confession of their faith. Besides the regular services, Gospel meetings are held in reading room in the village. Cottage services at

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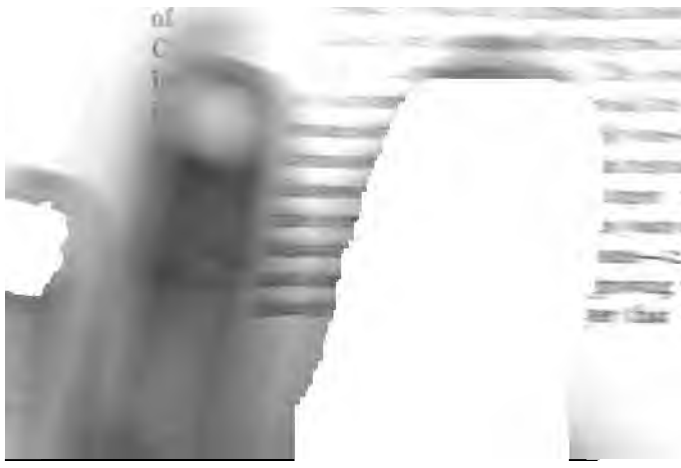

: will in the end make us stronger and purer. All the .ments of church work have been steadily maintained, .adies' Missionary Society reorganized, the young ladies :d anew, and all now moves quietly and peacefully.

'kskill. All departments of church work have been in 'ssful operation. There has been during the year an .ase of spiritual life, and a deepening work of grace in y hearts. In September a Young People's Society of istian Endeavor was organized, and has become a strong or of usefulness in the church. The difficulty through ch the church has passed during the winter season, was result of the dissatisfaction of a very few persons who, at ', have left the church, leaving it a harmonious body, re than ever ready and resolved to work with zeal and votion for the upbuilding of the church to the glory of d.

Tarrytown First. Our congregations were never larger han they have been during the past year, and our people vere never more interested in the affairs of the church ; at no time has there been more life in our meetings for prayer, the young people's meeting being of special interest. We gratefully record, too, as an evidence of spiritual life, our somewhat increased benevolence, more than in several recent years. We have organized more effectively for church work, especially through the Young People's Society's standing committee, so though there has been no large ingathering, we look hopefully to the future to reap where we have been sowing.

Tarrytown Second has revised its list of members, finding only one hundred and fifty-three out of two hundred and seventy-three. "During the present year the church has been making gratifying progress, quickening of members, full prayer meetings, the life of which has been by no he least encouraging feature of our year's work." A 'eople's Christian Endeavor Society was started a beginning of the present year, having now an mbership of twenty-six, which maintains a young rayer meeting before the Sabbath evening service. ath school has prospered and five have come from

it into the communion of the church. Interest is deepening. The church in all its departments enters upon the coming year with bright and encouraging prospects, praying the blessing of God upon its efforts to do His work.

Unionville. "The consistory of Unionville thankfully report that they have been enabled to sustain regular morning and evening Sabbath services during the year, and with a few additions, there are indications of a growing sense of personal responsibility and an increase in attendance on the ministering of the Word. Our Sabbath school has recently been reorganized. We have renovated the parsonage and made needed repairs."

West Farms. "There has been nothing in the history of the church of West Farms during the past year that calls for special notice. There has been a marked improvement in the Sabbath school, and there is reason to hope that it will do a better work in the future. By the persistent efforts of the Ladies' Co-operative Society, and the aid of a friend, the church property has been kept free of debt."

Yonkers. The year has been one of exceptional interest in the church. It has added forty-two members to its communion; twenty-three of them upon confession of faith, seventeen of the latter being from the Sunday schools. All church services have been well attended, and prayer meetings have taken on new life. A Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor has been founded, and has become very active and useful, and the year has been marked by a special act of kindness on the part of the congregation toward their pastor, which will make it memorable in the church's history. Everything has indicated the special presence of the Holy Spirit. We would have the earnest spirit of the year past abide with us, that we may continue to be blessed, and that we may be more largely blessed in the winning of precious souls for our beloved Lord.

Ecclesiastical Changes.—Rev. William Anderson died April 24th, 1887. Taber Knox, a licentiate of the Classis of New York, received June 13th, 1887, and ordained and installed over the Second Church of Tarrytown, July 12th, 1887. Rev. William Frederick Anderson installed at Ford-

ham, July 5th, 1887. Rev. William A. Dumont, pastoral relation with the church of Hastings dissolved January 23d, 1888, and dismissed to the Classis of Poughkeepsie. Rev. J. J. Rankin, pastoral relation with the church of Bronxville dissolved April 17th, 1888, and dismissed to the Presbytery of Huntingdon. Rev. James Bolton, pastoral relation with the church of West Farms dissolved April 17th, 1888, and dismissed to the Classis of Paramus. Rev. Henry Mattice received from S. Classis of Bergen. Rev. James A. Norris received from the Presbytery of North River.

WM. F. ANDERSON, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF ARCOT.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS						POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes. R.	A.	P.	Congregational Purposes. R.	A.	P.	
Arcot	L. Hekhuis, M.D	42	3	....	10	...	3	82	14	10	115	8	3	124	54	9	..	139	6	10	Arcot, Madras Presidency, In
Yehamur	" " "	109	28	....	18	1	12	90	22	14	225	114	6	134	35	2	5	25	..	..	" " "
Arni	J. W. Conklin	28	5	1	...	...	...	48	3	3	44	4	4	97	36	13	4	66	7	3	" " "
Alliendal	Moses Nathaniel	20	....	8	5	1	1	37	5	....	53	5	2	26	5	5	..	6	14	5	Chetpat " "
Gnanodiam	"	68	10	16	3	3	6	101	13	8	158	16	6	74	10	14	..	23	3	5	" " "
Marutuvambadi	"	20	....	2	...	...	1	28	5	....	61	6	1	24	4	6	..	6	2	11	" " "
Vellumbi	J. W. Conklin	19	..	2	2	11	...	31	....	....	43	2	2	29	5	14	7	8	4	..	Arcot, " "
Chittoor	"	35	2	2	12	1	4	38	2	5	32	8	2	60	26	13	4	17	10	..	" " "
Kottapalli	"	88	8	7	5	2	4	82	11	17	90	79	10	175	41	10	8	12	6	..	" " "
Madanapalle	J. Chamberlain, M.D	110	9	10	2	...	1	90	12	1	50	223	3	157	100	4	1	62	1	3	Madanapalle, "
Palamanair	W. W. Scudder, D.D.	8	...	1	...	1	...	11	1	....	3	3	1	22	8	6	3	5	8	..	Palamanair, "
Vellore	J.W.Scudder, M.D., D.D	76	11	18	17	...	4	130	7	....	146	6	4	205	180	15	9	115	14	..	Vellore, "
Kandiputtur	" " "	108	3	2	4	...	3	123	4	1	128	71	5	110	25	1	..	10	13	7	" " "
Sekadu	" "	91	3	3	2	...	...	109	2	3	95	53	2	47	11	..	..	6	11	9	" " "
Katupadi	Abraham William	129	2	10	4	2	6	164	10	2	185	64	8	233	16	14	..	77	8	10	Katupadi, "
Coonoor	JohnScudder, M.D(s.c.)	65	4	6	3	1	1	105	2	5	147	15	2	102	89	9	3	149	8	..	Tindivanam, "
Tindivanam	" "	20	2	5	2	...	1	25	2	3	60	4	3	177	32	6	..	60	10	..	" " "
Sattambadi	" "	68	2	4	5	7	1	105	13	4	156	53	7	100	33	..	..	36	11	9	" " "
Orattur	Paul Balley	70	11	6	6	...	1	97	20	10	113	89	3	67	23	3	6	23	5	8	Orattur, "
Kolapaukam	"	49	2	....	2	2	...	73	4	..	96	27	5	67	22	14	6	20	6	11	" " "
Narasinganur	"	46	3	2	7	2	...	78	7	....	72	20	4	78	24	2	..	26	1	4	" " "
Varikkal	"	40	6	....	...	...	...	44	10	6	83	44	3	69	17	13	10	15	9	2	" " "
Vellaripattu	"	60	3	4	2	...	...	66	8	3	88	109	5	97	24	8	7	22	10	7	" " "
	Total	1370	124	104	113	34	48	1757	183	95	2245	1023	91	2274	880	11	1	988	15	8	

Other Ministers.—Rev. W. I. Chamberlain, Madanapalle; Rev. E. C. Scudder, Jr., in America.

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
First Claverack	William J. Leggett	120	22	5	10	1	3	253	5	8	80	125	5	325	$630 46	$1,699 47	Claverack, Col. Co., N. Y.
Second Claverack	John G. Gebhard	220	10	5	5	0	3	224	3	1	.....	250	2	292	402 59	1,576 84	Mellenville, " "
Gallatin	B. A. Bartholf‡	65	5	2	3	0	3	108	0	3	....	.....	1	47	40 05	500 91	Mt. Ross, Dutchess Co., "
Germantown	Mortimer Smith‡	†108	5	0	1	...	1	103	4	3	.....	.....	1	90	.....	.....	Germantown, " "
Greenport	William Veenschoten	*90	17	0	6	0	3	193	7	10	.....	100	2	225	305 75	1,327 89	Greendale, Col. Co., "
Hudson	Wm. H. Gleason	272	9	15	11	0	8	552	4	1	.....	200	1	282	6,801 49	4,913 16	Hudson, " "
Linlithgow	T. S. Dusinberre (s. c.).	77	4	0	0	0	1	119	2	0	....	.....	2	107	307	1,351 53	Livingston, " "
Livingston at Linlithgo	I. P. Emerick‡	50	22	1	5	0	2	82	4	13	30	28	1	90	38 43	700	Linlithgo, " "
Upper Red Hook	George D. Lydecker	*70	6	5	7	0	1	141	1	1	.....	85	1	100	465 07	1,442 05	Upper Red Hook, D. Co., "
West Copake	James C. Garretson	81	6	0	4	0	1	109	4	4	89	48	1	155	93 69	1,053 42	West Copake, Col. Co., "
	Total	1153	106	33	52	1	26	1884	34	44	199	836	17	1713	$9,084 53	$14,565 27	

*Revised List. †Partial Report. ‡Pastor Elect.

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Bloomingdale	F. M. Bogardust†	101	1	1	3	0	1	124	5	1	61	12	1	129	$15 63	$552	Whiteport, Ulster Co., N. Y.
The Clove	Herman Hageman	150	5	9	9	0	3	225	5	2	209	245	3	433	399 53	1,725 87	High Falls, " "
Dashville Falls	Vacant	45	0	0	6	0	1	118	0	0	20	0	1	75	48	341 68	Rifton Glen, " "
Guilford	Calvin E. Lasher	80	2	1	3	0	1	88	3	0	165	71	3	217	30 70	1,100	Gardiner, " "
Hurley	Samuel T. Searle†	72	12	8	3	0	3	187	5	0	65	50	1	125	184 48	930 07	Hurley, " "
Kingston, Fair Street	Stephen D. Noyes	155	16	8	9	0	6	335	1	4	.....	.....	1	315	920	3,617	Kingston, " "
Krumville	Paul T. Deyo	85	0	0	0	1	2	90	6	0	66	0	1	79	4	300	Samsonville " "
Lyonsville	Vacant	52	0	0	1	0	0	55	1	0	.....	0	1	86	.....	75	Kripple Bush, " "
Marbletown	Wm. W. Schomp (s.c.)	94	5	5	4	0	3	163	1	4	.....	0	1	63	192 75	1,116 05	Stone Ridge, " "
Marbletown, North	Wm. W. Schomp, S.S.	55	7	5	3	0	1	90	4	0	.....	0	1	75	61 59	359 31	" "
New Paltz	Abel H. Huizinga	264	24	7	6	0	13	400	18	10	.....	180	6	367	1,048 66	2,268 48	New Paltz, " "
Rochester	John B. Church	130	16	2	2	0	2	195	2	3	120	30	4	362	201 11	.....	Accord, " "
Rosendale	Matthew N. Oliver	76	61	12	1	0	6	170	7	36	149	0	1	111	55 42	1,340 36	Rosendale, " "
St. Remy	F. M. Bogardust†	45	0	0	0	0	0	72	3	0	28	11	1	89	10	725 49	Whiteport, " "
	Total.	1354	149	58	50	1	42	2312	61	60	888	559	26	2526	$3,171 87	$14,481 33	

Other Ministers.—Rev. Jas. R. Lente, Emeritus, Washingtonville, N. Y.; Rev. M. F. Libenau, Emeritus, Kingston, N. Y.; Rev. B. F. Snyder, Whiteport, N. Y.

†Pastor Elect.

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Jamaica	Vacant	184	24	18	8	...	4	325	9	3	.....	207	2	...	$423 10	$3,507 84	Jamaica, N. Y.
Newtown	Chas. I. Shepard	95	3	3	5	...	1	186	12	...	.....	...	2	225	817 65	2,392 72	Newtown, "
Oyster Bay	John H. Smock	80	6	1	...	...	3	131	4	3	.....	...	1	100	204 87	1,222 46	Glen Head, "
North Hempstead	Abm. I. Martine	74	...	2	...	...	1	118	1	....	40	38	2	168	184	9,063 90	Manhasset, "
Williamsburgh	E. P. Terhune	190	15	20	6	...	4	253	3	9	.....	....	1	375	523 26	10,178 34	157 So. 9th St., Brooklyn, "
Astoria	Wm. S. Cranmer	110	5	3	8	...	2	218	11	1	.....	200	1	271	875	3,906 57	76 Remsen St., Astoria, "
Flushing	Oliver E. Cobb	85	6	5	8	...	8	185	2	3	.....	75	1	130	603 88	3,500	Flushing, "
Greenpoint	Lewis Francis	218	33	17	22	...	2	413	12	4	.....	....	2	912	1,330 63	11,025 18	143 Noble St., B'klyn, E.D. "
South Bushwick	Geo. D. Hulst	160	37	14	9	...	5	358	21	9	.....	.....	1	850	200	4,300	15 Himrod St., Brooklyn, "
Second Astoria	C. D. F. Steinfuhrer	*100	11	...	...	...	2	226	75	....	.....	25	1	250	105 43	2,000	Astoria, "
East Williamsburgh	Vacant	18	14	3	...	...	...	32	....	....	.....	.....	1	175	12 85	516 58	
Queens	Jas. S. N. Demarest	100	10	9	5	...	2	149	1	2	.....	.....	2	381	292 85	2,525 54	Queens, "
German Ev., Brooklyn	John C. Guenther	270	34	6	3	...	5	560	7	4	.....	105	2	800	573	4,293 18	178 Lorimer St., B'klyn, "
Sayville	Jas. S. Crousaz	57	12	5	2	...	...	†85	6	1	96	12	1	100	51 32	425	Sayville, "
Locust Valley	John H. Smock	40	2	....	...	...	1	58	...	2	.....	.....	1	92	66 08	698 27	Glen Head, "
College Point	Herman C. Berg	68	10	...	3	...	...	142	9	4	.....	.....	1	175	441 73	2,047 48	College Point, "
First Ref., L. I. City	Alexander Shaw	41	4	5	2	...	...	50	10	....	.....	100	1	117	105 87	858 30	L. I. City, "
Bushwick	Wm. H. Ford	190	23	10	13	...	7	260	30	10	.....	.....	1	850	100	3,814	558 Van Buren St., B'klyn, "
German Ev., Jamaica	Franz Hartig	56	7	....	...	...	4	159	21	....	.....	7	1	100	51 50	1,209 29	Jamaica, "
Jericho	E. Gutweiler, S. S.	20	..	....	...	...	...	8	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	124	Hicksville, "
Hicksville	E. Gutweiler	40	3	2	4	...	1	38	1	....	.....	.....	1	100	45	662	Hicksville, "
	Total	2196	259	123	98	...	52	3949	235	55	136	769	26	6171	$7,007 97	$68,260 35	

Other Ministers.—W. H. Ten Eyck, S. S., New Brunswick, N. J.; Alex. S Van Dyck. Amoy, China; John M. Wagner, 315 Graham Avenue, Brooklyn, E. D., N. Y.; G. Van Emmerick, Sayville, L. I., Robt. H. Barr, Ph.D., Heath, Ulster Co., N. Y.; John Baumeister, Newtown, N. Y.: E. R. Atwater, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Candidate.—Herman H. Shook, 1094 Bushwick Avenue. Brooklyn, N. Y.

* Last Year's Report. † Revised.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Brooklyn	Vacant	.....	28	17	15	0	5	*212	2	3	0	0	2	488	$2,384 67	$238 65	33 St. Mark's Ave.
Centennial Chapel	Charles B. Capin																
Flatbush	C. L. Wells	125	9	11	3	0	5	†340	18	2	198	150	1	355	7,555 56	.....	Flatbush, Kings Co., N. Y.
" Mission	W. H. Boocock, S. S.	61	10	2	0	0	2	.....	.....	.....	0	0	1	145	131 43	.....	" " "
New Utrecht	Alfred H. Brush	100	4	1	2	0	2	257	3	1	0	75	3	*325	1,335 98	3,195 34	Bath Beach, L. I., "
Gravesend	P. V. Van Buskirk	130	12	6	2	0	5	237	10	2	150	130	2	262	1,015 46	2,361 65	Gravesend, Kings Co., "
Flatlands	John S. Gardner	*75	7	2	2	0	8	172	5	0	100	75	2	285	616 07	2,506	Flatlands, " "
New Lots	Nicholas Pearse	70	4	5	9	0	1	*158	9	0	0	50	1	190	945 17	2,545 20	Station "E," B'klyn, "
East New York	Daniel Van Pelt	*59	4	13	4	0	2	*93	6	1	79	200	1	400	295 04	2,696 16	" " "
South Brooklyn	Alfred De W. Mason	100	15	8	11	1	2	153	5	5	54	70	1	284	409 02	3,692	165 52d St., " "
12th St., "	Vacant	208	11	1	40	12	7	*534	13	5	350	858	2	*1285	632 43	6,520 51	
North "	William D. Perry	50	6	12	4	0	4	150	7	3	0	0	1	165	60	8,413 61	193 Carlton Ave., B'klyn, "
Ch. on Heights, B'klyn	Vacant	.....	4	5	8	0	5	281	5	0	0	30	2	577	8,000 33	8,004 92	
Bethany Chapel "	Alex. R. Thompson	.....	4	5	7	0	0	...	0	0	0	0	0	.....	.....	.....	180 Clermont Ave. B'klyn,"
New Brooklyn	Jacob Weber	135	30	2	0	0	5	393	111	1	500	30	1	300	249 50	1,747 96	1062 Herkimer St., " "
Bedford	H. W. George, S.S.	.....	8	20	51	0	4	*250	....	6	0	0	1	210	197 49	2,892 37	
Second Flatbush	Carl Scholz	27	16	0	0	0	2	65	7	0	70	3	1	55	8	500	Flatbush, Kings Co., "
Canarsie	F. E. Schlieder	39	7	0	1	0	1	81	5	0	0	8	1	100	32 25	617	Canarsie, " "
St. Thomas, West Indies	A. J. Hageman	45	17	2	0	0	7	137	8	0	0	40	1	129	124 40	1,899 30	St. Thomas, Dan. Wst. Indies
Ocean Hill	A. Messler Quick	60	23	25	0	0	0	98	1	7	0	210	1	325	21 84	1,517 28	56 7th Ave., Br'klyn, N. Y.
	Total	1274	219	137	159	13	67	3601	215	36	1501	1929	25	5880	$24,087 67	$49,258 95	

Other Ministers.—Rev. John M. Van Buren, Nyack, N. Y.; Rev. Jacob West, Honorary Sec'y, Bd. Dom. Miss., Ridgewood, N. J.; Rev. Daniel Rapalje, Missionary at Amoy, China; Rev. John M. Ferris, Editor of *Christian Intelligencer*, No. 4 Warren St, N. Y.; Rev. David S. Sutphen, Bloomfield, N.J.; Rev. A. P. Stockwell, Children's Aid Society, 145 Berkely Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Rev. Robert G. Strong (s.c.), Principal of Erasmus Hall Academy, Flatbush, Kings Co., N. Y.; Rev. D. N. Vanderveer, 48 Pierrepont St., Brooklyn; Rev. Walter T. Griffin, Heath, Ulster Co., N. Y.; Rev. Ransford Wells, Flatbush, L. I., Rev. Edwin T. Hee, Sec. Y. M. C. A., 502 Fulton St., Brooklyn, N. Y; Rev. Uriah D. Gulick.

* Revised list.

† Includes 48 who are members of Mission.

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			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.		Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
New York (Collegiate)	Thomas E. Vermilye..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	15 West 56th St., N. Y. City.
	Talbot W. Chambers..	557	49	21	41	4	28	1712	36	1	.....	.....	.....	5	1811	$41,335 93	.....	70 West 36th St., "
	Edward B. Coe.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	42 West 52d St., "
North.....		....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	
De Witt..... Col. Chapl's	Kenneth F. Junor..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	160 West 29th St., "
	Benj. E. Dickhaut....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	118 East 29th St., "
Knox Mem'l.	T. J. Kommers.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	514 Ninth Avenue, "
Harlem Collegiate...	George H. Smyth	540	150	98	12	0	9	1160	31	40	.....	1000	2	1308	7,499	.....	.....	269 Lenox Ave., "
	Joachim Elmendorf...																	61 East 123d St., "
South.....	Roderick Terry..... ..	150	3	9	6	0	0	260	4	0	73	45	2	250	7,000	$9,000		169 Madison Ave., "
Manor Chapel (South).	John A. Billingsley....	159	14	5	3	0	2	188	10	1	122	75	2	537	309 81	933 50		443 West 23d St., "
Staten Island.....	James Brownlee.....	155	8	5	3	0	4	290	5	4	.....	250	2	470	1,072 44	6,882 08		Port Richmond, S. I., N. Y.
	Alfred H. Demarest...																	
Bloomingdale.....	Carlos Martyn.....	151	18	44	10	0	0	204	10	7	.....	.....	1	433	651 74	.....		B'way & 68th St., N. Y. City.
Madison Avenue.....	Abbott E. Kittredge...	256	82	115	15	0	4	601	24	20	131	882	2	832	9,618 09	42,750 85		50 East 69th St., "
Thirty-fourth Street...	James M. Dickson.....	170	16	2	10	0	3	380	7	6	55	.....	1	234	940	6,610		418 West 23d St., "
German Ev. Mission...	Julius W. Geyer.....	120	40	0	3	0	8	†350	21	2	.....	40	1	550	1,410 35	1,514 07		78 Second St., "
Huguenots.....	Vacant.....	36	0	1	2	0	1	26	0	0	.....	91	1	91	63 85	336 48		
St. Paul's, Mott Haven	John F. Hooper.....	59	6	7	10	*48	2	†173	5	0	.....	.....	1	339	964 62	2,592 67		593 East 141st St., "
Union, High Bridge...	Daniel H. Martin.....	91	11	5	1	0	1	136	2	1	85	.....	1	222	469 52	4,354 77		High Bridge, "
Fourth German.....	John H. Oerter.....	108	50	0	3	0	4	437	36	1	184	240	1	460	491 33	2,107 62		248 West 40 St., "
Prospect Hill.....	D. McL. Quackenbush.	105	6	0	8	0	2	204	4	2	134	174	1	339	645 46	2,806 91		223 East 87th St., "
	Oliver H. Walser.. ..																	159 East 80th St., "
Holland	J. W. Warnshuis....	34	10	5	3	0	1	67	3	0	.....	12	0	0	91 26	302 53		279 West 11th St., "
Avenue B German Ev.	Jacob Schlegel.....	148	60	3	0	0	11	749	100	0	100	50	1	400	385 50	6,127 15		602 Fifth St., "
Brighton Heights.....	John Hutchins.....	171	7	5	3	*25	9	†311	9	1	44	200	1	307	794 85	4,838 17		Tompkinsville, S. I., N. Y.
Union, Sixth Avenue..	Vacant.....	95	2	6	23	0	2	270	0	0	.....	.....	2	190	377	2,360 51		
German, Norfolk St...	Frederick C. Erhardt..	80	43	0	2	0	10	303	72	9	. ...	46	1	382	228	2,200		129 Norfolk St., N. Y. City.
Kreischerville.....	Jacob Gauss.....	150	0	0	0	0	4	60	10	0	10	9	1	160	.....	.....		Kreischerville, S. I., N. Y.
Ger. Ev., of Yorkville.	G. A. T. Goebel	76	14	0	0	0	0	150	45	4	.....	18	1	276	16	3,300		155 East 91 St., N. Y. City.
Grace.....	Joseph R. Duryee.....	132	14	4	8	1	2	155	11	4	.....	.....	1	440	515 88	1,667 86		112 West 47th St., "
	Total.....	3538	608	335	166	78	107	8186	445	103	988	3082	31	10081	$75,380 13	$100635.17		

Foreign Missionaries.—Rev. Leonard Kip, Amoy, China; Rev. C. H. H. Wolff, Japan; Rev. E. Rothesay Miller, Yokohama, Japan; Rev. Nathan Henry Demarest, Nagasaki, Japan.

Other Ministers.—W. W. Clark, 43 Lafayette Place, N. Y. City; Rev. H. DuBois, High Bridge, N. Y.; Rev. E. S. Fairchild, Flushing, Long Island, N. Y.; Rev. F. M. Kip, Tompkinsville, Staten Island, N. Y.; Rev. Aaron Lloyd, Belleville, N. J.; Rev. G. H. Mandeville, 327 East 124th St., City; Rev. Wm. Ormiston, D. D., 180 West End Ave., City; Rev. A. J. Park, Huntington, Conn.; Rev. G. S. Plumley, P. O. Box 787, N. Y. City; Rev. E. A. Reed, Holyoke, Mass.; Rev. A. G. Vermilye, Englewood, N. J.; Rev. F. N. Zabriskie, Princeton, N. J.

Licentiate.—Lewis R. Scudder, 118 East 45th St., N. Y. City.

*Retired List. †Revised Roll.

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.		
Berea		72					1	132	3				1	60	$78 09	$708 60	Walden,	N. Y.
Bloomingburgh	John L. Stillwell	63	12	7	4		8	117	7	4			1	84	50	900	Bloomingburgh,	"
Callicoon		90					10	226	30			26	2		25		Callicoon,	"
Claraville	Gilbert Lane																Eureka,	"
Cuddebackville																	Cuddebackville,	"
Deerpark	L. L. Taylor	197	15	12	5		5	318	6	9			2	491	848 96	4,898 27	Port Jervis,	"
Ellenville	H. A. Hendrickson	152	11	8	14		4	263	5	4		100	1	275	425	2,500	Ellenville,	"
Fallsburgh		90	1	1	17		4	100	2		78	20	3	120	238 44	672	Woodbourne,	"
Grahamsville	Gilbert Lane	41						81						45			Eureka,	"
Kerhonkson																	Kerhonkson,	"
Mamakating	Samuel Millett	30	2	2				68	2	1		70		84			Wurtsboro,	"
Minnisink	I. Millett, S. S.																Montague,	N. J.
Montgomery	F. S. Schenck	185	12	4	2		10	431	9	1		100	4	200	1,050	2,010	Montgomery,	N. Y.
Newburgh	H. V. S. Myers	168	6	11	12		7	400	4	4	153	140	1	221	1,186	3,388	Newburgh,	"
New Hurley	John H. Gillespie	110	21	1	3		6	168	6	13		90	2	134	253	1,068	New Hurley,	"
New Prospect	Edwin O. Moffett	106	16	3	3		6	136	6	6		146	2	146	154	1,137	Pine Bush	"
Shawangunk	Peter K. Hageman	80	28	5			6	280	1	12				200	158	1,022	Bruynswick,	"
Unionville	Gilbert Lane																Eureka,	"
Walden	M. V. Schoonmaker	80	12	5	9		3	207	5	5	125	175	1	160	600	3,000	Walden,	"
Walkill Valley	Richard DeWitt (s. c.)	75	4	3	6		1	110	1	4	50	80	1	172	127	1,390	Walkill,	"
Walpack (Upper)		40	3	1	5		1	40	4	2			2	90	10	415	Layton,	N. J.
Walpack (Lower)	H. L. Rex	65	0	0	4		2	122	2		50		2	100	54	600	Bushkill,	Pa.
Wawarsing		40	0	0	3	0	2	68					1	100	49	815	Napanoch,	N. Y.
	Total	1684	143	63	87	0	76	3242	93	65	456	897	26	2682	$5,296 48	$24,518 87		

Other Ministers.—Rev. S. W. Mills, Port Jervis, N. Y.; Rev. W. B. Darrach, Walden, N. Y.; Rev. J. A. Staats, Goshen, N. Y.; Rev. Goyn Talmage, Port Jervis, N.Y.; Rev. J. T. Demarest (Emeritus), New Brunswick, N.J.; Rev. J. E. Bernart, Chester, N.Y.; Rev. W.S. Brown, Clarksville, N.Y., Pastor Elect.

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	BAP. Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. Number of Catechumens.	C. C. & S. S. No. of S. Schools.	C. C. & S. S. Total Enrollment.	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	CONTRIBUTIONS Congregational Purposes.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
First, Poughkeepsie	A. P. Van Gieson (s. c.)	190	22	15	16	...	7	*505	4	9	....	....	1	381	$2,443 87	$7,164 17	Poughkeepsie, N.Y.
Second, Poughkeepsie	F. A. M. Brown	132	3	4	...	...	5	272	2	...	....	148	1	169	2,355 06	5,247 31	" "
Fishkill	M. B. Thomas	84	3	2	4	...	2	187	....	3	....	....	1	90	157 21	1,758 13	Fishkill, "
Hopewell	C. H. Polhemus	150	3	3	9	2	2	206	3	3	....	....	†6	260	295 44	1,310	Hopewell Junction, "
New Hackensack	Wm. A. Dumont	100	2	2	4	...	...	156	....	1	71	....	4	200	387 32	1,090	New Hackensack, "
Hyde Park	John F. Shaw	60	3	4	1	...	1	117	2	3	....	....	1	75	82 36	1,121 60	Hyde Park, "
Fishkill-on-Hudson	Charles W. Fritts	125	21	9	3	2	4	*283	2	13	....	....	1	245	987 97	4,713 23	Fishkill-on-Hudson, "
Rhinebeck	J. Romeyn Berry	125	5	9	6	...	4	191	3	3	....	....	1	120	457 23	3,416 50	Rhinebeck, "
Glenham	P. S. Beekman	32	7	3	4	...	1	62	1	1	....	....	1	82	60 04	749 42	Glenham, "
Cold Spring	Edward J. Runk, S.S.	*30	1	....	....	....	2	*47	....	....	9	20	1	44	37 80	750 43	Cold Spring, "
Millbrook	J. Edward Lyall	79	11	1	2	..	3	125	3	7	54	....	3	150	503 07	1,274 37	Millbrook, "
	Total	1107	81	52	48	4	31	2241	20	43	134	168	20	1816	$7,767 37	$28,595 16	

Other Ministers.—Rev. C. S. Hageman, Nyack, N. Y.; Rev. A. Mattice, Pine Plains, N. Y.; Rev. H. N. Cobb, 26 Reade St., N. Y.; Rev. C. R. Blauvelt, Nyack, N. Y.; Rev. H. Dater, Hawthorne, N. J.; Rev. F. F. Wilson, Asbury Park, N. J.

* Revised Roll.

† Five are union schools.

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Bronxville	Vacant	32	....	....	1	....	1	73	2	....	....	....	1	57	$101 73	$661 02	Bronxville, Westchester Co.
Cortlandtown	Joseph A. Harper	70	3	....	....	....	....	66	11	....	....	....	2	178	125 65	1,008 59	Montrose, " N. Y.
Fordham	Wm. F. Anderson	84	14	5	....	....	....	126	11	3	....	....	1	269	1,311 67	3,496 47	Fordham, New York City.
Greenburgh	Wm. E. Turner	20	....	....	2	....	....	16	2	....	....	....	1	48	.....	300	Elmsford, Westchester Co.
Greenville	James E. Graham	19	....	....	2	....	....	42	5	....	....	....	1	34	35 50	534 07	Scarsdale, " N. Y.
Hastings	James A. Norris, P. E.	70	5	4	7	....	1	95	1	....	....	....	1	109	78 18	1,228 91	Hastings, " "
Melrose	John E. Lang	64	33	....	....	....	6	126	18	2	....	33	1	550	44 30	1,890 02	Elton Av. & 156th St., N.Y.C.
Mount Vernon	C. K. Clearwater, (s.c.)	120	10	8	†22	2	4	*268	2	1	....	119	1	219	629 86	5,200	Mt. Vernon, Westchester Co.
Peekskill	Henry De Vries	110	4	3	6	1	1	144	5	....	....	25	1	117	218 16	3,178 50	Peekskill, " N. Y.
Tarrytown, First	John K. Allen	105	5	7	8	1	6	242	2	1	....	....	1	203	700	3,108 95	Tarrytown, " "
" Second	Taber Knox	80	8	8	8	....	5	*273	1	4	....	78	1	130	475 77	2,715 46	" " "
Unionville	Henry Mattice, P. E.	*60	3	2	1	....	1	*97	....	3	23	20	1	65	60 91	1,013 35	Neperan, " "
West Farms	Vacant	20	2	....	....	....	....	26	2	....	....	9	1	85	58 28	1,050	1295 Woodruff Av., N. Y. C.
Yonkers	David Cole	155	23	19	6	....	7	398	16	6	101	132	2	332	924 04	6,220 56	Yonkers, Westchester Co.
	Total	1009	111	56	136	4	32	1992	78	20	124	416	16	2396	$4,763 06	$31,605 90	

Other Ministers.—Rev. John A. Todd, Tarrytown, N. Y.; Rev. William Brush, Morristown, N. J.; Rev. Lawrence H. Van Dyke, Merritt's Corners, Westchester Co., N. Y.; Rev. William W. Rand, Sec. American Tract Society, 150 Nassau St., New York; Rev. Howard Harris, Foreign Missionary, Japan; Rev. William S. Moore, 124 Waverly Place, Yonkers; Rev. Edward J. Runk, S. S., Cold Spring, N. Y.; Rev. George Rockwell, Tarrytown, N. Y.

Candidate.—Henry J. Bogardus, M.D., 142 E. 86th St., New York.

* Revised roll.

† 68 to organize a new church.

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK, FOR YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 1888.

CLASSES.	Churches.	Ministers.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						Baptized		No. of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		STATED CLERKS.
				Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Arcot	23	11	1370	124	104	113	34	48	1757	183	95	2245	1023	91	2274	$415	$469	Rev. John Scudder.
Hudson	10	10	1153	106	33	52	1	26	1884	34	41	199	836	17	1713	9,084 53	14,565 27	Rev. Thos. S. Dusinberre.
Kingston	14	13	1354	149	58	50	1	42	2312	61	60	883	559	26	2526	3,171 87	14,481 33	Rev. Wm. W. Schomp.
North Long Island	21	24	2196	359	123	98	0	52	3949	235	55	136	769	26	6171	7,007 97	68,260 35	Rev. Wm. H. Ten Eyck.
South Long Island	18	27	1274	219	137	159	13	67	3601	215	36	1501	1929	25	5880	24,087 67	49,258 95	Rev. Robert G. Strong.
New York	21	44	3538	603	335	166	78	107	8186	445	103	938	3082	31	10031	75,380 13	100,635 17	Rev. Oliver H. Walser.
Orange	23	21	1684	143	63	87	0	76	3242	93	65	456	897	26	2682	5,296 49	24,518 87	Rev. Richard De Witt.
Poughkeepsie	11	16	1107	81	52	48	4	31	2241	20	43	134	168	20	1816	7,767 37	28,595 16	Rev. A. P. Van Gieson.
Westchester	14	20	1009	111	56	136	4	32	1992	78	20	124	416	16	2396	4,763 06	31,605 90	Rev. Chas. K. Clearwater.
Total	155	186	14685	1795	961	909	135	481	29164	1364	586	6616	9679	278	35409	$136,974 09	$332,390	

ARTICLE VIII.

CLASSICAL MINUTES.

The Committee on Classical Minutes reported by sub-committees on the Minutes of each of the Classes as follows, and the reports were severally accepted and adopted:

Classis of Hudson.—The Committee on the Minutes of the Classis of Hudson have examined the same and find them in good order. With respect to constitutional inquiries, one church makes no reply to any of the questions. The other churches answer in the affirmative.

Respectfully submitted,

P. T. DEYO, *Chairman.*
DANIEL D. BEEKMAN.

Classis of Kingston.—The Committee on Classical Minutes for the Classis of Kingston find the Minutes correct. The constitutional questions are all answered in the affirmative, excepting that a few churches failed to take collections for all the objects recommended by the General Synod.

WM. VEENSCHOTEN.
JOSEPH HASBROUCK.

North Classis of Long Island.—The Committee to whom was referred the Minutes of the North Classis of Long Island would respectfully report that they have examined the same and find them neatly kept, and nothing requiring the special attention of this Synod. Your Committee cannot but express pleasure that the constitutional questions have been so generally answered in the affirmative.

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. LASHER, *Chairman.*

South Classis of Long Island.—The Committee on the Minutes of the South Classis of Long Island report that they have examined the same and find them correct. Your Committee, however, would call attention to the fact that out of the sixteen churches in the Classis only four are reported as contributing to all the Boards.

JOHN HUTCHINS, *Chairman.*

Classis of New York.—Your Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the Classis of New York would respectfully report that they have examined the same and find them carefully and regularly kept. All the churches within the bounds of the Classis, with three exceptions, responded in the affirmative to all the constitutional inquiries. Of these three, two answered *yes* to all the questions except the seventh, and to this, one answered, "with one exception," and the other, "to three." The other answered *yes* to all except question No. 2, and to this responded, "in part." Your Committee would recommend to all the churches of our body like faithfulness in the discharge of their constitutional obligations.

Respectfully submitted,

A. P. STOCKWELL,
JOSIAH LE FEVRE,
Committee.

Classis of Orange. Your Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the Classis of Orange would respectfully report that they have examined the same and find them well kept. The following is a summary of the constitutional questions to ministers and elders: Questions 1, 3, 4 and 5 by all in the affirmative. Question 2, nine affirmative and nine negative. Question 6, fourteen affirmative and four negative. Question 7, fourteen affirmative and four negative.

Respectfully submitted,

N. PEARSE,
A. F. HAZEN.

Classis of Poughkeepsie. Your Committee appointed to examine the Book of Minutes of the Classis of Poughkeepsie, would report: They find the record well kept, clean and legible, giving an intelligent view of the state and condition of the churches. We find, however, in this as in other Classes, a great diversity in the answers given to the constitutional questions.

M. V. SCHOONMAKER,
HENRY CAMERDEN, JR.

ARTICLE VIII.

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Respectfully submitted,

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North Classis of Long Island.—The Com was referred the Minutes of the North Class would respectfully report that they have and find them neatly kept, and nothing r attention of this Synod. Your Comm press pleasure that the constitutional generally answered in the affirmative.

Respectfully s
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RTICLE XIX.

ARTICULARIA.

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Classis of Westchester. The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the Classis of Westchester, would respectfully report that they have read the Minutes, and do find them well kept and in order. The several questions put to ministers and elders were answered as follows: The affirmatives largely prevail, but out of twelve churches that reported we notice that seven answered *no* to the 2d question, referring to preaching upon the Catechism. We recommend a greater fidelity on the part of the ministers of that Classis to that part of the constitution.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. D. LYDECKER, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE IX.

OVERTURES AND JUDICIAL BUSINESS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE X.

CLASSICAL REFERENCES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XI.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XII.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIII.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIV.

SCHOOLS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XV.

STUDENTS IN THEOLOGY.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVI.

SIGNING THE FORMULA.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVII.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS.

Attended to by Committee on Classical Minutes.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SYNODICAL INJUNCTIONS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIX.

PARTICULARIA.

The first hour of Tuesday afternoon, after the organization, was passed in devotional exercises, led by the Rev. A. P. Van Gieson.

The first half hour of the Wednesday morning session was also spent in devotional exercises, led by the Rev. L. L. Taylor.

The Communion of the Lord's Supper was celebrated on the evening of the first day, immediately after the Synodical Sermon. The form was read by the President of Synod. The bread was administered by the Rev. John Hutchins, and the cup by the Rev. William J. Leggett; the distribution of the bread was made by the Elders, S. V. C. Van Rensselaer, A. P. Pitcher, Richard Remsen, A. F. Hazen; of the wine,

by the Elders, D. D. Beekman, H. Cammerden, Jr., J. Hasbrouck, S. Keeler.

The bar of the house was defined.

On motion it was

Resolved, That a Special Committee be appointed to arrange for religious services, the hours of meeting and adjournment, and the time for the reading of papers, and the hearing of the representatives of the Boards. The President appointed the Revs. S. D. Noyes and M. V. Schoonmaker, and Elder A. P. Pitcher. Their report was accepted and adopted, and is as follows:

The Lord's Supper to be administered as recorded, the religious services to commence at 7.30 o'clock P. M., and the sermon then to be preached as recorded. Rev. Wm. H. Gleason's paper on "The Elements of a Successful Pastorate" to be read at 5 P. M. on Tuesday, and Rev. A. E. Kittredge's paper on the "Conversion and Training of the Young," to be read at 10 A. M. on Wednesday. The representative from the Board of Domestic Missions to be heard immediately after the half-hour's devotional exercises on Wednesday morning, to be followed by the representative of the Board of Foreign Missions, each speaker to be limited to fifteen minutes. The hour of adjournment on Tuesday afternoon to be 5.30 o'clock; Synod to convene at 9 o'clock on Wednesday morning, and to adjourn at 12.30 P. M.

S. D. NOYES, *Chairman.*

On motion it was

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of the Synod are hereby tendered to the Rev. Wm. H. Gleason for his comprehensive, instructive and inspiring address on "The Elements of a Successful Pastorate," and to the Rev. Abbott E. Kittredge for his admirable and eloquent paper on "The Conversion and Training of the Young."

The presence of the Rev. J. G. Van Slyke, D.D., of the First Reformed Church of Kingston, and of the Synod of Albany, was recognized, and he was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be directed to procure the printing of the usual number of copies (450) of the Minutes of this Session of Synod.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the Committee on Nominations be directed to select subjects for papers, and those to prepare them, to be read at the next Annual Session of Synod, and that the Committee also determine the time permitted to each paper and the hours at which they are to be presented. The Committee reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Nominations would respectfully report on the matter of papers for the next Session of Synod—

1. That the Rev. J. R. Berry, D.D., be requested to prepaper to be read on the subject of "Church Discipline."

2. That the Rev. J. Hutchins be requested to prepare a paper on "The Best Method of Conducting a Prayer Meeting."

S. W. MILLS, *Chairman.*

On motion it was

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be given to the brethren who so forcefully presented the needs of the Domestic and Foreign Boards before Synod.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the invitation of the Consistory of the First Reformed Church of Poughkeepsie, to meet in their church at the next regular Session, in 1889, be accepted with thanks by this Synod.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of this Synod are hereby tendered to the pastor, Consistory, choir and congregation of the Fair Street Church, of Kingston, for their courteous entertainment of the Synod and assistance in the worship and services of the Synod.

ARTICLE XX.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

The Treasurer presented the following account, which was referred to the Committee on the Treasurer's Account, and their report was accepted and adopted, and is as follows:

PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK, in account with
THEOPHILUS A. BROUWER, *Treasurer.*

1887.		Dr.	
May	17.	To Cash paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt for travelling expenses	$4 74
"	17.	" Cash paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt for printing notices for Delegates to General Synod (1,000 copies)	5 75
"	17.	" Cash paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt for stationery and postage	2 95
"	17.	" Cash paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt for doorkeeper at Claverack, New York	5
"	17.	" Cash paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt for salary as Stated Clerk to May, 1888	100
Sept.	21.	" Cash paid Hosford & Sons, for printing 450 copies Minutes of 1887	136 75
1888.			
May	1.	" Cash Balance due Synod to new account	189 75
			$444 94
1887.		Cr.	
May	2.	By Cash Balance from old account	$122 94
July	25.	" Cash from Rev. A. Hageman, Treasurer North Classis of Long Island	50
Oct.	6.	" Cash from Rev. Wm. W. Schomp, Treasurer Classis of Kingston	33
"	8.	" Cash from R. M. Shepard, Esq., Treasurer Classis of Hudson	25
"	20.	" Cash from Rev. W. S. Brown, Treasurer Classis of Orange	52
1888.			
Feb.	10.	" Cash from Rev. A. P. Van Gieson, Treasurer Classis of Poughkeepsie	28
"	15.	" Cash from Rev. R. G. Strong, Treasurer South Classis of Long Island	44
Mar.	8.	" Cash from Rev. Carlos Martyn, Treasurer Classis of New York	58
Apr.	18.	" Cash from Rev. J. A. Harper, Treasurer Classis of Westchester	32
			$444 94

E. E. NEW YORK, May 1st, 1888.

THEOPHILUS A. BROUWER,
Treasurer.

The Committee on the Treasurer's Accounts respectfully report that they have examined the same with the vouchers and find them correct, and that there is a balance due the Synod of one hundred and eighty-nine dollars and seventy-five cents ($189.75).

WM. H. TEN EYCK,
Chairman.

ARTICLE XXI.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL SYNOD.

The following were appointed:

Classis of Arcot.

——— ———. ——— ———.

Classis of Hudson.

PRIMARII.

Rev. William Veenschoten.	Elder William B. Walker.
" George D. Lydecker.	" George S. Vosburgh.
" Thos. S. Dusinberre.	" O. J. Reeve.

SECUNDI.

Rev. James C. Garretson.	Elder James E. Strever.
" William J. Leggett.	" S. V. C. Van Rensselaer.
" H. P. Blair.	" Horace Fingar.

Classis of Kingston.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Matthew N. Oliver.	Elder Peter Kelly.
" William W. Schomp.	" James Sahler.
" Abel H. Huizinga.	" Abraham L. Fevre.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Herman Hageman.	Elder Cornelius Kortright.
" Samuel T. Searle.	" Samuel Ten Eyck.
" Calvin E. Lasher.	" Josiah L. Fevre.

North Classis of Long Island.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Abram I. Martine.	Elder Albert Van Nostrand.
" C. D. Steinführer.	" A. H. Downer.
" Oliver E. Cobb.	" Daniel V. Weeks.
" George D. Hulst.	" D. Hulsebush.

SECUNDI.

Rev. W. S. Cranmer.	Elder Cornelius Rapelye.
" J. M. Wagner.	" William Boyd.
" Robert H. Barr.	" Thos. Elliott.
" J. H. Smock.	" Herman H. Shook.

South Classis of Long Island.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Alfred De W. Mason.	Elder A. F. Hazen.
" William D. Perry.	" Joseph C. Pool.
" Cornelius L. Wells, D.D.	" H. Graff.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Peter V. Van Buskirk.	Elder Thos. M. Hegaman.
" Alex. R. Thompson, D.D.	" George Kissam.
" Jacob Weber.	" Ditmas Jewell.

Classis of New York.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Edward B. Coe, D.D.	Elder H. W. Bookstaver.
" J. R. Duryee.	" W. H. Jackson.
" J. Elmendorf, D.D.	" R. N. Perlee.
" Oliver H. Walser.	" John H. Wood.

SECUNDI.

Rev. A. H. Demarest.	Elder E. Bodine.
" Daniel H. Martin.	" P. Donald.
" G. A. T. Goebel.	" William Maul.
" F. C. Erhardt.	" S. H. McElroy, M.D.

Classis of Orange.

PRIMARII.

Rev. J. H. Gillespie.	Elder J. W. Duryea.
" E. O. Moffett.	" C. B. Martin.
" W. B. Darrach.	" John McElhone.
" Gilbert Lane.	" R. D. Clark.

SECUNDI.

Rev. H. Miller.	Elder P. Weisman.
" S. Millett.	" J. V. Morrison.
" J. L. Stilwell.	" H. W. Brink.
" H. A. Hendrickson.	" W. S. Northrup.

Classis of Poughkeepsie.

PRIMARII.

Rev. A. P. Van Gieson.	Elder Walter Brett.
" C. W. Fritts.	" J. B. Jones.
" Chas. S. Hageman.	" E. C. Macomber.

SECUNDI.

Rev. M. B. Thomas.	Elder Alfred Welch.
" F. A. M. Brown.	" R. S. Haight.
" W. A. Dumont.	" Sidney Scofield.

Classis of Westchester.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Charles K. Clearwater.	Elder Robert C. Flack.
" John K. Allen.	" William J. Charlton.
" William F. Anderson.	" B. F. Trumpy.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Taber Knox.	Elder J. H. Hart.
" William E. Turner.	" Edward Myers.
" Henry Mattice.	" Theodotus Burwell.

ARTICLE XXII.

INSTRUCTIONS TO DELEGATES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXIII.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Synod adjourned to meet in Annual Session in the First Reformed Church of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., on the first Tuesday of May, 1889, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

CLOSE OF SYNOD.

The Minutes were read and approved, the roll was called, and the Synod adjourned after prayer and the Apostolic Benediction by the Vice-President.

Signed,

WILLIAM H. GLEASON, *President.*
HERMAM C. BERG, *Vice-President.*

WILLIAM J. LEGGETT,
LIVINGSTON L. TAYLOR, } *Temporary Clerks.*

DANIEL VAN PELT, *Stated Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

PRESIDENTS AND PLACES OF MEETING OF THIS SYNOD SINCE THE RE-ORGANIZATION OF THE PARTICULAR SYNODS, 1870–1888.

DATE.	PRESIDENT.	PLACE.
1870	Rev. M. S. Hutton, D.D	Yonkers.
1871	Rev. Goyn Talmage	Flushing.
1872	Rev. E. P. Rogers, D.D	Rhinebeck.
1873	Rev. John A. Todd, D.D	Tarrytown, (1st.)
1874	Rev. G. H. Mandeville, D.D	Poughkeepsie, (2d.)
1875	Rev. John McC. Holmes, D.D	Brooklyn (1st.)
1876	Rev. David Inglis, D.D	Port Jervis.
1877	Rev. Joachim Elmendorf, D.D	Yonkers.
1878	Rev. Alex. R. Thompson, D.D	Newburg.
1879	Rev. Charles I. Shepard	Greenpoint.
1880	Rev. William Ormiston, D.D	Mount Vernon.
1881	Rev. David Cole, D.D	Montgomery.
1882	Rev. Polhemus Van Wyck	Jamaica, L. I.
1883	Rev. Ezekiel C. Scudder, M.D	Brighton Heights, (S. I.)
1884	Rev. David N. Vanderveer	New York, (South).
1885	Rev. Herman C. Berg	Yonkers.
1886	Rev. Cornelius L. Wells, D.D	Newburg.
1887	Rev. Jacob Chamberlain, D.D., M.D	Claverack.
1888	Rev. Wm. H. Gleason, D.D	Kingston.

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THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN THE FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK, ON THE 7TH OF MAY, 1889, AT 3 O'CLOCK, P. M., AND ADJOURNED AT 1.10 O'CLOCK, P. M., OF THE SECOND DAY OF THE SESSION.

FORMATION OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

Synod was opened with prayer by the retiring President, the Rev. W. H. Gleason, D.D., who also preached the sermon before Synod on the evening of the first day of the Session, from Mark 12:17: "Render to Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's, and to God the things that are God's."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Classis of Arcot.—Minister—Rev. E. C. Scudder, Jr.

Classis of Hudson.—Ministers—John G. Gebhard, William H. Gleason, D.D., William Veenschoten, George D. Lydecker. *Elders*—A. P. Pitcher, Gilbert Plass.

Classis of Kingston.—Ministers—Abel H. Huizinga, William W. Schomp, Stephen D. Noyes, Calvin E. Lasher. *Elders*—J. L. Schultz, C. D. Westbrook, Du Bois Le Fevre, James Sahler.

North Classis of Long Island.—Ministers—John Baumeister, Charles I. Shepard. *Elders*—A. H. Downer, Abram S. Bergen.

South Classis of Long Island.—Ministers—Nicholas Pearse, A. De Witt Mason. *Elders*—John L. Ryder, Bernard Larzalere, Richard Amerman.

Classis of New York.—Ministers—G. Hutchinson Smyth, D.D., J. S. Billingsley, Edward B. Coe, D.D. *Elders*—Theophilus A. Brouwer.

Classis of Orange.—Ministers—Peter K. Hageman. *Elders*—J. S. Eaton.

Classis of Poughkeepsie.—Ministers—J. Romeyn Berry, D.D., A. P. Van Gieson, D.D., William A. Dumont. *Elders*—Walter Brett, Virgil C. Traver, L. D. Barnes, J. C. Ackerman.

Classis of Westchester.—Minister—E. J. Runk. *Elder*—William J. Charlton.

ARTICLE III.

MODERATORS.

The Rev. J. Romeyn Berry, D.D., of Rhinebeck, N. Y., was elected President, and the Rev. George Hutchinson Smyth, D.D., of New York City, Vice-President. The Revs. John G. Gebhard and E. J. Runk were elected Temporary Clerks.

ARTICLE IV.

MINUTES AND BEQUEST.

The Minutes of the Session of 1888 were read, and the printed record of them approved. The bequest of the Rev. Elias Van Bunschooten was read.

ACTS OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Rules of Order were read.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were the Standing Committees:

ON SYNODICAL MINUTES.—*Ministers*—Edward J. Runk, Wm. Veenschoten, J. Baumeister. *Elders*—Walter Brett, C. D. Westbrook, Bernard Larzalere.

ON CLASSICAL MINUTES.—*Arcot.*— —— —— *Hudson.*—Rev. N. Pearse. *Elder*—Isaac E. Bergen. *Kingston.*—Rev. G. H. Smyth. *Elder*—T. A. Brouwer. *North Long Island.*—Rev. John G. Gebhard. *Elder*—A. P. Pitcher. *South Long Island.*—Rev. W. H. Gleason. *Elder*—Du Bois Le Fevre. *New York.*—Rev. A. H. Huizinga. *Elder*—John Ryder. *Orange.*—Rev. W. W. Schomp. *Elder*—Gilbert Plass. *Poughkeepsie.*—Rev. E. J. Runk. *Elder*—Wm. Charlton. *Westchester.*—Rev. P. K. Hageman. *Elder*—Walter Brett.

ON CLASSICAL REPORTS, OR STATE OF RELIGION.—*Ministers*—John G. Gebhard, S. D. Noyes, A. H. Huizinga. *Elders*—A. P. Pitcher, C. D. Westbrook, A. H. Downer.

ON THE TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.—*Ministers*—C. I. Shepard, W. W. Schomp, A. De Witt Mason. *Elders*—L. D. Barnes, W. J. Charlton, Virgil C. Traver.

ON OVERTURES AND JUDICIAL BUSINESS.—*Ministers*—G. D. Lydecker, E. C. Scudder, E. J. Runk. *Elders*—Gilbert Plass, J. L. Schultz, B. Larzalere.

ON NOMINATIONS.—*Ministers*—William Veenschoten, W. H. Gleason, Nicholas Pearse. *Elders*—Theophilus A. Brouwer, Walter Brett, Isaac E. Bergen.

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

A communication was received from the Rev. Dr. W. H. Ten Eyck, Permanent Clerk of General Synod, stating that the Minutes of this Particular Synod of the years 1825, 1826 and 1827 were as yet in loose MSS. form, and had not been transcribed into the book of Minutes now preserved in the Archives of our Church in the Sage Library, and advising that this Synod provide for their being transcribed.

Referred to Stated Clerk, *pro tempore*, with power.

A communication from the Rev. Daniel Van Pelt, notifying Synod of his absence from the country, and suggesting that Rev. William D. Perry act as Stated Clerk of Synod in his stead, was received, and by unanimous consent was read, and the nomination confirmed.

An overture was presented from the South Classis of Long Island, requesting action in regard to a Synodical Superintendent. Referred to the Committee on Overtures.

A communication was received from the Secretary of the Board of Education accrediting the Rev. J. C. Van Deventer, of Nyack, N. Y., as the representative of the Board before Synod, and bespeaking a hearing for him.

A similar communication was received from the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, in behalf of Rev. W. J. R. Taylor, of Newark, N. J.

Similar communications were received from the Board of Domestic Missions accrediting Rev. C. I. Shepard, and from the Board of Publication accrediting the Rev. William D. Perry, to represent their needs.

ARTICLE IV.

GENERAL SYNOD.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Synodical Minutes respectfully beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the Minutes of the General Synod, and the Minutes of the Particular Synods of Albany, Chicago, New Brunswick and New York, which have been referred to them, and that they find nothing to report for action by the Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD J. RUNK, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE V.

OTHER PARTICULAR SYNODS.

Copies of the Minutes of the Particular Synods of Albany, Chicago and New Brunswick were received, and referred to the Committee on Synodical Minutes.

ARTICLE VI.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE VII.

CLASSICAL REPORTS, OR THE STATE OF RELIGION.

The Committee on Classical Reports, or the State of Religion, reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted :

The Committee on the State of Religion respectfully report that they have received reports of all the Classes belonging to this Synod. Of these nine reports, eight were in due form. The report of the Classis of Kingston, which is very full, has entirely omitted any reference to the separate churches. Your Committee recommend that the attention of the Classis of Kingston be called to the omission of such references, which this Synod considers an essential part of Annual Classical Report.

The number of churches in the Classes remains the same as last year, 155. Number of ministers, 185, being a decrease of one. Number of families, 15,077, a gain of 392.

Sixteen hundred and ninety-two have been received on confession of faith, being 103 less than last year; 983 have been received by letter, a gain of sixteen, making the whole number of accessions eighty-two less than during the preceding year. Eight hundred and ninety-three have been dismissed, sixteen less than last year; 106 have been suspended, twenty-nine less. Five hundred have been called away from earth, making nineteen more deaths than were reported last year. The total of communicants is 29,519, showing an increase of 305. Four hundred and twenty-six adults have been baptized, 160 less than last year; 1,669 infants baptized, an increase of 305. Baptized non-communicants, 6,300, a loss of 316. Number of catechumens, 10,543, a gain of 864. Sunday schools, 300, a gain of twenty-two. Total enrollment of teachers, officers and scholars, 39,902, 4,493 more than last year. Contributions for religious and benevolent purposes, $119,348, being $17,626 less than last year's offerings. Contributed for congregational purposes, $348,208, an increase of $15,818.

There has, then, been no increase in the number of churches; but a loss of one minister and a decrease of 103 in members received upon confession of faith, of twenty-nine in suspensions, of 160 in baptized adults, of 316 in baptized non-communicants, and of $17,626 in religious and benevolent offerings. There has been a gain of 392 families, and an increase of twenty-one received by letter, of sixteen dismissals, of nineteen deaths, 355 members, 305 infants baptized, 864 catechumens, twenty-two Sabbath schools, 4,493 in Sabbath school enrollment, $15,819 in contributions for congregational purposes.

Altogether the report of your Committee is a favorable one, calling for thanksgiving for blessings received, and earnest prayers for larger faithfulness and deeper consecration, and a baptism of the Holy Spirit, that the blessings of God may overflow during the coming year. The two chief apparent losses are due to two extraordinary occurrences. The Classis of Arcot has been obliged to suspend ninety-five members, many of whom had come to our communion from the Romish Church and proved themselves unworthy members of our Reformed Church. This one item more than

balances the loss in members received as compared with last year's report.

The apparent unfavorable difference in religious and benevolent contributions is largely accounted for by the special offerings made last year for the Theological Seminary in India. May our blessed Lord and Saviour send upon every classis and church in this Particular Synod the spirit of increased consecration and faithfulness.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN G. GEBHARD, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF ARCOT.

The past year has been one of trial and darkness. The Lord has taken to himself one of our number, the Rev. L. Hekhuis, M.D., who died of hydrophobia, September 16th, 1888. His loss is very great to us, and we trust the Church will soon send some one to supply his place. The number of our communicants is less this year, even though we have had the privilege of receiving seventy-nine persons on confession. We have been compelled to suspend a large number as they have left us for the Romish Church. They formerly came to us from that church and never proved themselves very satisfactory Christians, and many of them have been led to return to their old relations for the sake of the loaves and fishes. The "Romanists" have made a determined effort to get back their old people, and have brought many of them back by money. Though a numerical loss to us, we trust our churches will be benefited by the departure of such worthless members. We need the prayers of the churches at home and trust that we are remembered by them.

JOHN SCUDDER, *Stated Clerk.*

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.

A review of the life and work of our churches reveals these facts. A special religious interest has prevailed in several churches.

There appears to be a growth in membership of fifty-six, while the families are three less than last year. Several

churches have made an advance in benevolence, but the comparison with last year is unfavorable because the Church of Hudson then made a special effort in behalf of Missions. For congregational purposes the amount this year is unusually large. Extensive repairs and improvements would account for this. The Society of Christian Endeavor has found its way into several of our churches. We append brief extracts from each church.

First Claverack has lost many members by death and dismission, but the additions have more than met the losses. A Christian Endeavor Society proves itself very useful. While various improvements have been made in the parsonage and church, they still avoid debt.

Second Claverack celebrated her fiftieth anniversary October 10th, 1888. Faithful labor has been rewarded. Their church building has been renovated within and without, and paid for. The church steadily grows in members and benevolence. In membership thirty-seven have been gained. In benevolence the advance has been forty-six per cent. over our last year. They exceed their apportionment for both Domestic and Foreign Missions. A Ladies' Aid Society and Woman's Auxiliary Society are doing excellent work. While so much has been done they yet see greater work before them, and invoke God's power to strengthen them for it.

Gallatin is making progress, although the statistics may not show it. They are giving much attention to foundation work. They feel the loss occasioned by closing the Sabbath schools during the winter and the failure to hold a weekly prayer-meeting.

Germantown. No remarks.

Greenport joyfully says: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." The Spirit is with them working in God's people, and in the unconverted. A goodly number have joined the Lord's army. A Society of Christian Endeavor has been organized. The Sabbath schools and prayer-meetings are gaining in power.

Hudson reports a little advance. Fruitful and earnest service has been rendered in all departments of Christian activity. The various organizations and meetings have been sustained with interest and success.

Linlithgow held a few extra services preceding and terminating with the Week of Prayer. The faithful preaching and teaching of God's Word have been blessed to the conversion of five souls. Others are almost persuaded to become Christians.

Livingston at Linlithgo reports advancement in the various departments of church work. A Woman's Missionary Society organized last year has increased the interest and responsibility of the Church in Missions. A Society of Christian Endeavor has been organized with promising prospects. The spirit of benevolence has grown. All debts are paid. There is a good attendance upon the preaching of the Word. They are hoping for a larger increase.

Upper Red Hook is thankful even in the midst of discouragements. Losses in membership are reported and no gains to compensate for them. They have lost an efficient male member by death. One thousand dollars was raised to pay indebtedness. The lecture room has been renovated. A Society of Christian Endeavor has been organized. This church celebrated the centennial of its organization last August. It is their prayer that God will still go before them as of old, and give them good success.

West Copake has been engaged repairing their church and parsonage. For this purpose $2,500 have been raised, and they are proud that they have done this without fairs or festivals, etc. The spiritual work of the church has not been omitted, but temporalities have had their influence. The promise, since the reopening of the church, is good. Their joy would be full if only God would fill them with His Spirit.

Ministerial Changes.—Rev. B. A. Bartholf was received from the Classis of Schenectady and installed over the church

of Gallatin. Rev. Mortimer Smith was received from the South Western District Convention of Wisconsin Congregational Church, and installed over Germantown. Rev. Irving P. Emerick was received from the Lutheran Synod of New York and New Jersey, and installed over Livingston at Linlithgo. Rev. William J. Leggett was dismissed to the Classis of Newark. Rev. H. P. Blair has recently died.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE D. LYDECKER.

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.

The report of thirteen churches has been received by your Committee. Two of the churches are without pastoral care. These two are the churches of Lyonsville and Dashville Falls.

The number of families reported by the entire Classis does not vary largely from the statistics of this item of the previous year. This is only what may be expected. In the rural districts of an old and settled community there are none of the fluctuations that mark the newer sections of the land. The established equilibrium of the population between environment and adjustment is rarely disturbed, unless some new and unusual enterprise cause an attraction to some particular business center. Besides, our Church is conservative in a manly sense. While we seek a full development of all honorable possibilities, we abhor that rivalry which aims to alienate families from their legitimate church, home and pastoral care, which the honorable man, even without any religious pretensions, would consider reprehensible. While loyal to our own Church, we would not be disloyal, by a religious theft, to that sense of integrity which assures us that any dishonest tendency in the sacred profession, if allowed development in other pursuits, would culminate in the bank defrauder and in business peculations.

Leaving, however, the number of families and examining the statistics of church membership from those families, your Committee perceive that there is ample room here for the legitimate effort of a sanctified ambition. Although there is an increase in the number of communicants over the

previous year in nearly all the churches, yet even a slight examination assures us that the classical millennium is far from existing. The disproportion between the number of families and the enrolled membership calls for an earnest evoking of the Divine Spirit to "convince, convert and make willing." We cannot place too high the standard of ministerial success. Every adult member of the family should be a communicant. Every child in the family should be a baptized member of the Church militant.

In saying this we would not cast the least reflection upon any ministerial brother. We censure none more severely than ourselves. The record of the year which has been handed in tells a story which can only be interpreted in the light of ministerial experience. Mere theories of possibilities will fail in placing a proper estimation upon the subject. The record, so highly creditable in many instances, speaks of individual fidelity, of incessant watching, of agonizing supplication, which, of human beings, only the pastor and the faithful Consistory can fully understand.

In regard to the number of baptized infants which are reported, that of the present year bears a greater ratio to the number of families than did that of the past year, and exceeds the Church enrollment during the year of adult members. While this is readily explained by the fact that the natural birth introduces to the baptism rite and the spiritual birth to the communion ranks, yet your Committee would impress upon the Classis the importance of this rite to our Zion, and to the individual subjects themselves. As to the infant subjects, we believe God honors the faithful performance of the rite which He has commanded and which He sanctions; "and that though these children may not always be free from the folly of sin, any more than is the adult Christian, yet they are not, ordinarily, found committed to the service of the devil; rather, when the vows which parents assume at baptism are faithfully discharged, the earliest emotions of these children are drawn out toward God with sincere desire to do His will."

So, also, in regard to the benefit accruing to the Church. Every baptized child sustains a relation to the Church amounting to a peculiar membership, and a lingering affection for that Church so exists that the children look upon

that Church as their own, and when the religious act of early years becomes recognized, they will very likely complete the membership, hitherto inchoate.

Your Committee discovers that in the contributions for congregational expenses and for the Boards of the Church, most of the congregations have exceeded the amount of the year preceding the last, while in a few instances they have been diminished. We are aware that home expenses vary with varying demands. As the exigency arises, congregational activity is excited to meet it. It is well to remember that the demands of our *Boards* must increase with the advancing Gospel, and while there may be instances where the necessities of the home field seem to make exhausting requisition upon our finances, yet an earnest effort *should* be made to aid the foreign field. While the *same* laws regulate the business management of religious affairs that pertain to every prudential financial management, yet, beyond these, we can safely trust that spiritual law embodied in the declaration, "Give, and it shall be given unto you," and whose antithesis is, "There is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty."

Your Committee also observe that in some of the reports from the churches there is a failure to make record in the proper column of the number of baptized non-church members. While we are reluctant to add to the burdens of the overtaxed pastor, yet, since by Synodical enactment this requirement is made upon Consistories, we would suggest at least an attempt at compliance.

Your Committee also perceive that the number of catechumens fall quite short of the number of the enrolled Sunday school scholars, with the exception of the church of St. Remy. We are of the opinion that *every* child of the Sunday school, however small, should be a catechumen in the sense of having impressed upon its mind the truths of the catechisms of the Church. There may be an excuse for this discrepancy between the number of catechumens and the number of scholars, for the reason that our Church may not have had an authorized catechism adapted to the younger class of children. If Synod ever remedies the difficulty, of which there is at present a favorable prospect, we would suggest that the catechisms of our Church be brought into general

use. We fear that the ordinary Sunday school lessons are too much usurping that part of the time which should be devoted to the catechism. We believe in an early and constant instilling of those germs of truth which are the rich legacy of our Church.

Respecting the details of congregation work and the phases of the spiritual condition of the churches—these have already been given by the pastors, and need no repetition by us. However, an exception should be made in calling attention to the fact that the church of Marbletown during the past year has celebrated, with appropriate exercises, her one hundred and fiftieth anniversary, and has commenced a new era under the pastoral care of the Rev. Wm. W. Schomp.

Ministerial Change.—Rev. F. M. Bogardus has been received from the Classis of Bergen and installed as pastor over the churches of Bloomingdale and St. Remy.

Respectfully submitted,

M. N. OLIVER, *Chairman.*

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

The Committee on the State of Religion respectfully submits the following Report:

Reports have been received from all the churches with the exception of Jericho and Hicksville. The churches of Jamaica, Newtown, Oyster Bay, North Hempstead and the German Evangelical, Brooklyn, show a gain both in benevolence and additions to the membership as compared with last year, while Greenpoint, East Williamsburgh, Queens, Williamsburgh, South Bushwick, show a gain in benevolence, and Astoria a gain in additions to membership.

Jamaica now rejoices in the settlement of a new pastor, the Rev. Oliver H. Walser, and says: "Our church and people have been greatly quickened spiritually during the past year." Church services and prayer-meetings are more largely attended, and "the whole church is aroused to work." "Lately we have increased our Consistory by adding two elders and two deacons. Our people are united and aggres-

sive, and under our new pastor the church promises to grow rapidly."

Newtown blesses God for His manifold goodness during the year. "He has given us renewed tokens of His faithfulness in that the preaching of His Word has not been in vain. Eight have been received into the communion of the church, five on the confession of their faith, and three on certificate." The services of the sanctuary have been "well attended," and the Sabbath school work carried on "with renewed vigor." This church again reports increased contributions to the Boards and Funds of the Church.

Oyster Bay. "The year has been fully an average one in accessions to the church, and, we think, in the spiritual growth of its members." "We are permitted to rejoice that the depletions by death are more than numerically filled by those who take their places. We are glad to note an increase in benevolent contributions, and to record the payment of more than the full amount apportioned by Classis as our share in the Foreign Missionary work."

North Hempstead reports a year of "repairing, refinishing and readjusting," "peace and harmony in all movements," growing interest and increasing attendance on the administration of the ordinances. "The Sabbath school has not been for years in as encouraging a condition as at present;" indeed, all the young people of the congregation are enrolled as members. "We thank God, and take courage."

Williamsburgh. "This year began with us amid much to discourage. The financial burden was so heavy. With the beginning of 1889 we determined to attempt securing subscriptions for the entire funded and floating debt. Providence conducted us by successive steps. In about three weeks the whole amount, $51,000, was subscribed, and although less than one-sixth of the time granted for the payment of the subscriptions, $35,000 have already been paid in. The beneficial result is already apparent in the improved morals of the people, their increased hopefulness and a freshened spiritual interest."

Astoria. "The roll of this church has been carefully revised, with the result that sixty-three names have been placed on a separate list and not reported." The people are at present engaged in the erection of "a new house of worship." "The Lord is good, and we are being fairly prospered."

Flushing. "No very perceptible advance upon last year's record." The Sabbath school has done good work, and several from it "have united with the church." The Christian Endeavor and Ladies' Aid Societies have both been prominent in well-doing, and "in many ways have been efficient helpers in the general work of the church."

Greenpoint. "The work of the church has been carried forward with a good degree of efficiency and success. There has been an addition to the church of fifteen persons from the Sabbath school, and two from the Mission school, and both schools are in a prosperous condition. The Mission school has outgrown its accommodations, and efforts are now in progress to purchase land and erect a building better adapted for the wants of this branch of the church's work. In the Industrial school about 165 girls have been instructed weekly in sewing and housework. The Y. P. S. C. E. has grown in numbers, and is one of the most valued agencies in the work of the church. A Mission Band has been formed during the year, and the Missionary Society has increased in efficiency. Because of the interest in and growth of our Mission work, our benevolent gifts this year for work at home and abroad are considerably greater than for any previous year in the history of the church.

South Bushwick. "We have been blessed in a fair amount of prosperity. The present aim and effort of the church is to pay off its debt, and it is expected that this will be accomplished in three years."

Second Astoria. This church has commenced to enlarge its house of worship.

East Williamsburgh. The pulpit of this church has been supplied during the year by a student of the Union Theological Seminary. Both the Sabbath and Wednesday evening services have been well attended. "We have much to contend with in our efforts to sustain preaching in our church, yet we can look back on the past year and find much to encourage and cheer us in our work for the Master."

Queens. "The attendance upon the services of the sanctuary has increased." "The Woman's Auxiliary and Woman's Aid Society are in very successful operation." "The regular income of the church has been materially increased." During the year "the church building has been thoroughly renovated inside, addition built, frescoed, carpeted, new windows, new organ, etc." This church also shows an increase in contributions for religious and benevolent purposes, as compared with last year.

German Evangelical, Brooklyn. "Our services are well attended, and contiually on the increase." The year past has been marked by God's blessings. "Our roll of membership has increased." Seventy-one souls were added on one Sabbath to the communion of the church, which, with other accessions during the year, amount to 120. The German and English Sabbath schools are both doing a good work. The Young People's Societies, the Ladies' Aid and the Frauen Verein all continue to labor in the interests of the church. "May the work of the Master continue in our midst to His glory and honor, and to the salvation of many more souls."

Sayville. "The history of our church during the past year is most encouraging." Perfect harmony has prevailed, the services have been well attended, and "the English language has come to stay in our church." The financial strength of the church has increased. "About $300" have been expended by the people "in the purchase of a much needed organ, the painting of the inside of our church, etc. We have, indeed, much reason to praise the Lord."

Locust Valley. "The church services, the Sabbath school and the prayer-meetings are well attended considering the small membership of the church." "We are praying and hoping for an increased consecration on the part of God's people, and the removal of the many obstacles to the growth of the church, and we expect our prayers to be answered in God's own way and time."

College Point. The Rev. John Baumeister has succeeded the Rev. H. C. Berg in the pastorate of this church. "During the year our ladies organized under the name of Earnest Workers, a Dorcas Society in which much interest has been manifested, and from which we confidently expect great things. The field for the church here is a peculiar one, but we have a good equipment, and with the Lord's blessing we hope to accomplish much for the spiritual good of our community."

First Long Island City. "Our church has enjoyed a steady growth both in temporal and spiritual things. The utmost harmony has prevailed, and the future is full of promise." Nine have been added to the membership of the church, five by confession and four by certificate. The Sabbath school is in an encouraging condition, and doing good work.

Bushwick. "The additions have not been great in numbers, but we believe in the worth of individual souls. The real success of the year is found in the increased usefulness of the members of the church."

German Evangelical, Jamaica. This church reports "an increasing attendance" at the regular services of the sanctuary, and successful work in the Sabbath school. "Our Woman's Aid Society raised $500 towards the church debts, etc." The Young People's Association of this church have started a fund for the erection of a Sabbath school building, which already amounts to nearly $300.

Ministerial Changes.—Mr. Henry E. Cobb, a graduate of Rutger's College and of Princeton Theological Seminary,

was licensed to preach the Gospel, and dismissed to the Classis of Saratoga May 14th, 1888. Rev. Oliver H. Walser was received from the Classis of New York July 2d, 1888, and installed pastor of the Reformed Church of Jamaica September 25th, 1888. The Rev. G. Van Emerick was dismissed to the Classis of Illinois September 21st, 1888. The pastoral relations between the Rev. Herman C. Berg and the Reformed Church of College Point was dissolved, and he was dismissed to the South Classis of Long Island January 27th, 1889. The Rev. John Baumeister, a member of Classis, was installed pastor of the Reformed Church of College Point March 13th, 1889.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. BARR, *Chairman.*

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

Your Committee on the State of Religion beg leave to offer the following Report:

There has been placed in the hands of your Committee reports from all the churches, from which we gather the following facts. There have been received into the communion of the church 205 on confession of faith, and 159 on certificate.

The general benevolence of the churches shows a slight decrease in the amount of contributions, as compared with those of last year. There were embarrassments and anxieties in connection with some of our churches at the beginning of the year that have since been happily removed. All the churches within the bounds of the Classis are supplied with settled pastors, with the single exception of the First Church of Brooklyn. Other items of importance in connection with the individual churches will appear from the appended extracts made from the several reports, viz:

Brooklyn and Centennial Chapel. On February 3d, 1889, the church began to worship in the new edifice on Carroll Street, corner Seventh Avenue. The building used is the chapel portion of what is designed to be a complete church. The main church edifice has not yet been started. We feel that there never was a brighter spiritual outlook before our

church than there is to-day. We are located in a pleasant and rapidly growing section of our city. At our first communion service, March 10th, seventeen (17) united with our church, four upon profession of faith and thirteen by letter. Our prayer-meeting is well attended, and gives us great encouragement for the future. The Sabbath school is growing in interest and numbers. The ladies of the church have formed a society for promoting the social, benevolent and spiritual interests of the church. One regular preaching service is held every Sunday at the Centennial Chapel, and a prayer-meeting every Wednesday evening.

Flatbush submits, viz: On looking over the past year we would report our church in a prosperous condition, and we feel encouraged at its steady increase of members, principally from the young people of the congregation. The stated prayer-meetings of the church have been sustained by more than the usual attendance. The pastor also conducts a meeting of the young men of the church for prayer and Bible study, and also has charge in the Sabbath school of the young ladies' Bible class. He also holds a special service, with sermon, in the Sunday school chapel in the afternoon of every communion Sabbath. The school has sustained a severe loss during the year in the death of John D. Prince, who was superintendent for many years. Tract distribution is carried on by the ladies of the church, and the contributions for benevolence are fully up to the standards of other years.

Flatbush Mission. The Mission work of the church is still in charge of Rev. Wm. H. Boocock, of Flatbush, who labors faithfully and acceptably.

New Utrecht. The church at New Utrecht is glad to state that there has been no decrease in the activity and good spirit which have heretofore been shown in all the departments of religious services. Into the "communion" several have been received upon profession of their faith in Christ. Improvements have been made upon church property, and money freely given to meet not only temporal obligations but to answer many calls of benevolence.

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ıurch on Heights furnishes statistics only. We are red, however, that there is a large increase in attendance ıl the services since the settlement of the present pastor.

Vew Brooklyn contemplates building a new church. The ırch at the Sabbath morning service is full. Other ·vices are well attended. Benevolence is on the increase.

Bedford thus hopefully reports: "The Lord Christ abiding ıth us, we of the Bedford Reformed Church will have some- ıing to report a year hence. The pastorate filled February 0th, 1889, after three years of vacancy, is held by one who ›elieves this church has a future."

Second Flatbush sends only statistics.

Canarsie reports: "We have passed a year of peace and harmony. Although our growth is slow, yet we are encouraged by families constantly moving in the place."

St. Thomas, West Indies, reports there has been a growing attendance upon the Sabbath service. The benevolence has been kept up in both church and Sabbath school, and something done for each of the Boards of the Church. A weekly church prayer-meeting has been organized in connection with the weekly Wednesday evening service. It is a long time since such a service has been regularly maintained. There is hope expressed that ere long rich spiritual fruit may be gathered. During the year a class of twenty young people has been confirmed. Among them are those who are now seriously considering the question of union to the church on confession of their faith. The financial outlook is not ·ering.

' reports: "While we have had no special work ɔ has been a steady upbuilding and sure cement- parts. We have great reason to thank God for and trust Him for larger blessings in the future be in store for us."

Ministerial Changes.—The following changes have taken place within the Classis during the year: The Rev. Wesley R. Davis, D.D., was received from the Classis of Albany and installed over the church on the Heights on October 18th, 1888. The Rev. John Elroy Lloyd was received from the Presbytery of Hudson and installed as the pastor of the Twelfth Street Church on October 9th, 1888. The pastoral connection between the Rev. Daniel Van Pelt and the church of East New York was dissolved on October 16th, 1888, and the Rev. Jesse W. Brooks was received from the Congregational Manhattan Association and installed over the church at East New York on February 5th, 1889. The Rev. H. C. Berg has been received from the North Classis of Long Island and installed as pastor of the Bedford Church on February 10th, 1889. The Rev. Ransford Wells, D.D., died March 4th, 1889.

NICHOLAS PEARSE, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

Statistical Reports have come in from all the churches in the Classis except one, and these have been accompanied for the most part by some additional statement of church life.

According to the statistics we find that 927 communicants have been added to the churches during the year. But this is a net gain of membership over last year of only ten. This is after the deduction in both years of those lost by dismissal, death or suspension. Ten active recruits is only a poor showing for an army carrying so much enginery of war as the great Classis of New York, and if it were unqualifiedly true that "figures do not lie," we should be compelled to take up a lament in offering this annual report. Indeed, we think the Classis may be well called upon to exercise its supervisory and fostering powers in several quarters by way of strengthening the things which remain. But on the other hand it must be remembered that figures do not tell all the truth, and our present ground for encouragement must be found in the things which they are powerless to express.

Several removals have taken place, one of them attendant

with untoward and distressing features, and many of our churches are at the present date like flocks without a shepard. Yet the general tone of the written statements is full of gratitude to the great and covenant-keeping God for benefits in the past, and replete with hopes for times to come.

The Collegiate, New York, blesses God for his goodness in circumstances of trial. The services have been kept up and the work carried on in the vacant Twenty-ninth Street congregation, and the much regretted departure of Rev. Mr. Kommers by reason of ill health from the Knox Memorial Chapel, has been provided for in the person and already efficient services of Rev. Wm. Vaughan. The congregations generally have carried on their work with unabated zeal and energy, but are longing for the Holy Spirit's presence in power.

The Harlem Collegiate rejoices in large accessions of precious souls, and in the flourishing condition of its services and Bible schools.

South reports most gratifying results as regards missionary and benevolent work, but with all its activity deplores the smallness of its additions to membership.

Manor Chapel, on the other hand, is able to say that not a communion has passed without the addition of some new members. A Young Men's Prayer-meeting, a branch of the "King's Daughters" among the young women, and a "Boys' Club" for the smaller boys, together with a Missionary Aid Society and Young People's Association, are among the agencies by means of which this active daughter of the South Church carries on her successful work.

Staten Island of Port Richmond speaks of prosperity in all its departments of church enterprise. The addition to membership show a gain over former years, and the work in general gives much to be thankful for.

Bloomingdale. This church reports a year of quiet growth, with large accessions and many blessings, but regrets that

its benevolences have not been more flourishing. It adds: "The church is now plunged in grief because of the enforced withdrawal of our beloved and faithful pastor, who retires because of nervous prostration, brought on by over-work on our behalf. He carries away with him our tender sympathy and warm affection.

Madison Avenue blesses God for his loving favor and the successful operation of every department of work with greatly increased usefulness. Every communion season brings with it those who gather to it for the first time out of the world, and the prayer-meeting is deemed to be largely instrumental in this as well as in the prevailing prosperous life of the church members. The Sunday school, the Young Men's Association and the Women's Auxiliaries have done much in the work of the year. The Mission of the church is prosperous, and a "Working Girls' Club," now numbering 200 members of all nationalities, is said to be "one of its grandest features." "The Bethany Day Nursery" provides for the care of little children while their mothers are at work, and has done great good. The multitude of agencies, such as the Industrial School, Mothers' Meeting, Mission Band and Young Ladies' Guild, bespeak the energy of their active people, and they give sincere gratitude to God for all the way in which He has led them.

Thirty-fourth Street reports a year of earnest prayerful work, with no special manifestation of power but the sense of God's presence and blessing. The various agencies for church work have been faithfully supported, and the Young People's Association have refitted and furnished their lecture room. The church is without a pastor, but trusts in the goodness of God to lead them soon to such a proper choice as will supply their need.

German Evangelical Mission, Houston Street, has little to add to statistical report, but tells of activity especially in temporal affairs. The church has been enlarged and beautified, giving much better facilities for work in time to come. The statistics show large additions to the membership, and they thank God, and take courage.

St. Paul's, Mott Haven, in the absence of a pastor, sends in a report which touches the minor key. Scarcely six months had gone by under the settlement of the late pastorate when certain matters came to the notice of Consistory which, when reported to Classis, called for dismission of their pastor and his suspension from the ministry. Disaffection and actual dismemberment has been the sad result of this, carrying away many of the families and communicants after this same suspended minister. In the face of all this the church has still carried on her work and services, and reports herself as having many grounds for encouragement. Those who remain are thoroughly of one mind, and look forward with happy expectation to the settlement of a pastor over them. The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor does good work. They close by saying, "We think we see light breaking through the clouds of our disappointment and sorrow."

Union High Bridge acknowledges the goodness of God for tokens of favor through another year. Accessions to membership exceed those of last year, and contributions to all objects exceed those of any year. A new and commodious church building has been erected, dedicated and occupied, the cost of same being met for the most part by the congregation themselves. Their church is and always has been a free one, and is marked with great success in all its departments.

Fourth German reports better attendance on the services than any previous year. The preaching has borne fruit in the upbuilding of the church and the conversion of souls. The pressure of the time, however, makes itself felt upon the laboring class of people who make up this charge, and in consequence affects the contributions and general finances. They still find every reason to thank God and take courage.

Prospect Hill sounds a plaintive note, as from Isaiah's "lodge in a garden of cucumbers." They have not even this mean abode of their own, and are not yet able to build. In the mean time they worship in a hired hall, the rent of which and other expenses consume all the income. Since the resignation of Rev. Mr. Walser, late associate pastor, the

venerable pastor, Dr. Quackenbush, has carried on the work as far as his strength would permit, and the regular services have been kept up. They report that a house of worship and the means to secure an associate pastor are necessary to the very life of the church. Your committee calls attention to the fact witnessed in the statistical report that out of a membership of 130 this church dismissed thirty-three during the past year.

Holland, New York. This church is without a pastor. Rev. Mr. Warnshuis resigned his charge in October last. From that time up to January 8th, 1889, the preaching was conducted by students or supplies obtained from the Seminary at New Brunswick. Since then one of the elders has read a sermon. They are poor and want help. This is the chief burden of their report.

Avenue B, German Evangelical, sends word to Classis of great cause for thankfulness for God's blessing on all its work. They have had many additions to the membership, have contributed to all the Boards, and are in a prosperous condition.

Brighton Heights tells of some steady advance all along the line. House to house visitation has been taken up, and in some of the districts faithfully carried out, bringing as a result an increase of thirty (30) families at the lowest estimate. The opportunities in this field for a church that is willing to work are incalculably great, and, best of all, the church is beginning to see this and to act upon it.

Union, Sixth Avenue, sends only statistical report, but indicates by means of this that all its agencies, and especially the benevolent ones, are in active operation.

German, Norfolk Street, looks back with heartfelt gratitude to the Master for His goodness in the past year. Attendance upon all services has been unusually large. There have been many additions to the membership, and despite the unfavorable locality which is becoming more and more Judaized, the love of the old congregation has overcome this

and many other obstacles. Peace and harmony in all departments leads them to take courage for further work in the blessed cause of Christ.

Kreischerville, S. I., thankfully acknowledges God's goodness. They are a poor and struggling people consisting mostly of working men and not able to give much to the Boards of the Church, but are carrying on the work with good success and are hopeful for the future.

Grace, New York, tells of "a year of hard work and measurable success." They bear the most hopeful and somewhat remarkable testimony, as things go, that "nearly every member has engaged in active and faithful labor for their upbuilding and usefulness through one or more of the distinct organizations established for church work." Their great need is of suitable building or rooms for their working societies. They suffer from removals owing to the transient character of the population in the region. But in the face of these difficulties the attendance on divine worship has increased, and the accession of a large number of young people is looked for at the coming Easter Communion. The assistance of the Collegiate Church is gratefully acknowledged, and the fact made known that support from this source is not included in the amounts accredited in the statistical table.

Huguenots, S. I. This loyal little band of Christians seem to be imbued with a spirit which is in keeping with their name. They have no pastor, and have not had for years. It has been proposed, even on the floor of Classis, that their candlestick should be taken away, and their light as a separate church put out. Yet in the presence of unnumbered difficulties they go on their way, doing the work of their Master. Regular service and Sunday school have been maintained through every Lord's day of the year, and a large part of the time an evening praise service has been held. The preaching has been carried on by a student from our Seminary, who has also visited all the families. The Sunday school in a body recite the Heidelberg Catechism each Lord's day. Contributions have been made to each of

the Boards, and a number of additions to the membership are confidently looked for at the next communion. They ask to be aided still by an appropriation from the Board to whose funds they have themselves contributed forty-five dollars. They deserve such aid and great praise for their faithfulness.

Hamilton Grange. This classical report, in true ecclesiastical line of tradition, keeps its best wine till the last. This new church of Hamilton Grange has been organized and housed with a commodious chapel, reports a census of fifty families, forty-five members received on confession, sixty by certificate and an energetic organism running well in all departments, and all done within the last four months! Great credit is due to the pastor and to those of the Committee on Church Extension who have so ably fostered this new movement. The church in the report expresses its hearty appreciation of the help and sympathy rendered, and prays for the continuance of God's favor. It looks as if the little one is to become a thousand. May the Lord hasten it in its time!

The following ministerial changes have taken place: Rev. Wm. Ormiston resigned his charge over the Twenty-ninth Street Collegiate Church on April 17th, 1888. On May 30th, 1888, the venerable Dr. F. M. Kip, in the eighty-second year of his age, received and gladly accepted the call which carried him from his useful lot among the militant into the place of the church triumphant. He passed away full of years and honors, bearing his sheaves with him. Rev. T. J. Kommers was compelled to retire from his work over the Knox Memorial Chapel by reason of ill health, and on January 20th, 1889, Rev. Wm. Vaughan became his successor. Rev. James M. Dickson resigned his charge over the Thirty-fourth Street Church on March 1st, for the purpose of accepting a call to the Pilgrim Congregational Church of Providence, R. I. On July 2d, Rev. Oliver H. Walser resigned his office of associate pastor in the church of Prospect Hill to become pastor of the church at Jamaica, L. I. Rev. J. W. Warnshuis resigned his charge over the Holland Church on October 28th, 1888, accepting a call to a church

in the Classis of Illinois. On November 19th, Rev. David Junor was received from the Winnebago Congregational Association of Wisconsin as a member of Classis. On December 10th, 1888, Rev. John F. Hooper was dismissed from St. Paul's Church of Mott Haven and suspended from the ministry. On November 20th, 1888, Rev. Wm. Westerfield was installed pastor of the church of Hamilton Grange.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN HUTCHINS, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.

The Committe on State of Religion desires to report that the sending out of the proper blanks for Consistorial Reports in accordance with the direction of Classis, has resulted in a more prompt and general response from the churches than has been usual. Twenty of the twenty-three churches have reported, as against eighteen last year. Of the seven churches reported vacant last year, five have settled pastors and a sixth has called one. Owing to other changes, however, we still report six vacancies. The tone of the reports is in the main cheerful and hopeful. No uninterrupted pastorate has been wholly without fruitage in accessions to the church from the world. In some of the congregations there seems to have been extraordinary spiritual interest. A gratifying gain in the number of families reported is largely due to the revision of the rolls of two or three churches. It is an evidence of out-reaching work, this counting in of families, and could doubtless be taken up by many of our churches to great advantage. The total number of persons now in communion is reported to be 3,307, as against 3,242 last year, showing an apparent increase of sixty-five. But while the total accessions (233) have been twenty-seven in advance of those reported last year (206), the net gain in membership is only twenty-four, nineteen less than last year's. This is owing to the very heavy losses which many of the churches lament in their reports. There were 114 dismissals, three suspensions and ninety-two deaths, a total loss of 209, or forty-six heavier than last year's. Of our churches, eight have lost ground numerically, fifty-five members in all. Ten have

gained. Two remain where they were. The most encouraging columns of our report is that in which are recorded the contributions for religious and benevolent purposes. The net gain over last year's report is not so large ($412.91), but it is widely distributed among the churches. There was a slight falling off in the gifts of three or four strong churches, and the increase is largely owing to the uniform improvement in the reports of nearly all the others.

While humbly acknowledging God's blessing upon the work of the past year, and rejoicing in the many evidences of intelligence and consecration which are to be found in the reports of that work, your Committee nevertheless commend the facts and figures of their narrative and tables to your consideration, as highly suggestive of the need of more earnest prayer, and of more comprehensive effort on the part of pastors and people, Consistories and Classes.

Berea reports the settlement of a new pastor, the loss by death of several of her older members, a revised list of communicants and a hopeful outlook.

Bloomingburgh rejoices in an increased roll and teaching force in the Sabbath school, a new Bible Class and a Society of Christian Endeavor, while an earnest desire for more abundant spiritual fruitage is hopefully expressed.

Callicoon. No report, other than statistics.

Claraville.

Cuddebackville. Under the care of their new pastor, Rev. Gilbert Lane, the people of Cuddebackville are recovering from the effects of a somewhat prolonged interregnum. "The church services have been well attended, and the weekly prayer-meeting sustained with great spirit by the young people. A Y. P. S. C. E. is in prospect."

Deerpark. The report notes the success of a "Winter Night College," a church paper and a congregational plan of Bible reading. There have been gratifying spiritual gains. The work in connection with Sunday schools, both at the

church and at Carpenter's Point Chapel, has been especially fruitful. The social rooms have been renovated and a water motor purchased for the organ in the church.

Ellenville. "Spiritual state real and vigorous; prayer-meeting very blessed; average attendance, 100; * * * Sunday school increasing in average attendance; beneficence better, both in Sunday school and church; catechism taught by pastor once a month; temperance taught in regular 'International' order; Young People's Missionary Society formed."

Fallsburgh. In view of the long interruption in the work and public worship of this church, owing to vacancy in the pastorate, the Consistory "have decided to adopt last year's report as furnishing a more accurate statement of the real condition of affairs than anything they can give at this time."

Grahamsville. The clerk of Consistory reports: "No minister since July, 1888, and not in a very prosperous condition, but hoping for better things."

Kerhonkson.

Mamakating laments heavy losses by death and removals, but numerically holds her own. "We have paid our minister and owe no debt to any one. The people are harmonious and the attendance good."

Minnisink. "With heartfelt gratitude to the head of the Church, the Lord Jesus Christ, we report peace and prosperity within our borders. Our congregation during the present pastorate were never larger than at present, and the spiritual feeling never more intense. Our weekly prayer-meetings are largely attended, and a blessed religious influence prevails. Our young people are specially interested and all take part by the recital of a text of Scripture."

Montgomery. "Peace and prosperity" are the opening words of the full and interesting record of the old Brick Church's work for the past year. "Three Union Neighbor-

hood prayer-meetings and two Union Neighborhood Sunday schools have been maintained," in addition to the regular church prayer-meeting and Sunday school. "The Chatauqua Literary and Scientific Circle is passing through its fourth year with larger numbers and much interest. Its influences, socially, intellectually and religiously, are excellent. A Y. P. S. C. E. has recently been organized and starts out with good numbers, healthy enthusiasm and great promise of usefulness. The systematic benevolence of the church has been maintained, a steady principle manifesting itself in large and regular contributions to a few well chosen causes. We are thankful for the past and hopeful for the future in all the departments of our church work."

Newburgh. "It is proper to remark concerning these statistics that there has been an unusual mortality among our members. Also, that out of seventeen dismissed, nine have been non-residents for a longer or shorter time and four have been dismissed for the formation of a new Congregational church in an unoccupied portion of our city, *i. e.*, unoccupied by a church."

New Hurley. The report is all of spiritual things and overflowing with gratitude to God for the blessing He has bestowed and with earnest solicitude that the people may continue as willing to be blessed as God seems willing to continue blessing them.

New Prospect. "The year has been marked by a constant manifestation of the presence of the Spirit and by constant growth. At our last communion season, without any extra services, sixteen connected themselves with the church, fourteen on confession."

Shawangunk reports large accessions, but larger losses by death and removal. The church has, however, more than held its own. The report bears unqualified testimony to the good work of the Y. P. S. C. E. "It is perhaps the most interesting and promising of all the agencies of good connected with the church. It is just the right thing for our young people. We thank God for Christian endeavor and

what it is doing for us." There has been a decided development of missionary interest among old and young alike. "A band of 'King's Daughters' was organized last summer."

Unionville.

Walden. "After forty years of faithful service, Rev. Dr. Schoonmaker, devoted and beloved, has left us a united people in all things pertaining to the temporal and spiritual welfare of the church. We feel that in choosing his successor the Lord has directed us to one who is qualified to fill the position well and with great acceptance to the congregation. The spiritual life has been quickened and the general interest is good and increasing."

Wallkill Valley reports well and hopefully despite the heavy loss experienced in the burning of the beautiful church. Large accessions to the membership, good work in the Sunday school and the formation of a Y. P. S. C. E. are noted with particular satisfaction.

Walpack (*Upper*). No report other than statistics.

Walpack (*Lower*). The clerk of Consistory reports the pastorate still vacant and likely to continue vacant till an indebtedness of several hundred dollars shall have been cancelled. Efforts are now being made to raise the necessary funds.

Wawarsing reports no regular services since May 1st, 1888. "Most of the members have attended other churches when opportunity offered, but the Reformed Church of Wawarsing has been to a very large extent dormant." A call has, however, been sent to the Rev. Henry Mattice, and the people are now awaiting his reply.

The following ministerial changes have occured: Rev W. S. Brown was dismissed to the Classis of Albany, September 11, 1888. Rev. H. L. Rex was dismissed to the Presbytery of Philadelphia, June 26, 1888. Rev. H. Miller was dismissed to the Classis of Albany, April 18, 1888. Rev. J. M. Allen was received June 26, 1888, and installed over the

church of Walpack (Upper). Rev. Joseph Millett was installed July 19, 1888, as pastor of the church at Montague. Rev. George H. Scarlet was received September 26, 1888, and installed pastor of the church of New Hurley. Rev. N. H. S. Demarest was received September 26, 1888, and installed as pastor of the church of Walden. Rev. C. W. Burrows was licensed September 26, 1888, and was ordained to the ministry of the Word and installed as pastor of the church at Berea. Rev. Henry Unglaub was received October 16, 1888, and installed as pastor of the church at Callicoon. Rev. B. T. Statesir was received February 19, 1889, and installed as pastor of the church of Fallsburgh.

Respectfully submitted,

LIVINGSTON L. TAYLOR, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

Your Committee submits the following Report:

All of the churches within the bounds of this Classis have sent in reports. A careful study of these reports, given in the Table of Statistics, gives cause for gratitude. True, there has not been an extensive growth, but there is abundant evidence of steady, faithful work. Three churches have enjoyed a shower of grace, and report spiritual quickening. One church has been able to renovate and beautify the house of worship without incurring debt. One church, so long asking aid from the Board of Domestic Missions, has been able to sustain regular services without assistance from outside. The benevolence of the Classis show a decided increase. All but three churches have enlarged on the contributions of last year. The results of the past year's work lead us to thank God for blessings given, and to look hopefully for greater blessings in the future.

We call attention to the following summaries, taken from reports sent by the churches:

First Poughkeepsie reports a year of steady work, of undisturbed peace, a spirit of fellowship, with a slight increase in the benevolent contributions and membership.

Second Poughkeepsie says: "The spiritual condition of our church is hopeful. The prayer-meetings are large. The Young People's Society has grown to be the largest in the city." The statistics show that this church is active.

Fishkill. Only statistics given.

Hopewell. Only statistics given.

New Hackensack says the past year has been one of activity and encouragement. A deep spiritual interest is manifest. The young ladies and children have been banded into circles of the "King's Daughters." The benevolent contributions have increased.

Hyde Park says: "We have had special cause for thankfulness in the enterprise of our church during the past year. The interior of the house of worship has been thoroughly renovated, and the expense wholly met. There has also been presented to the church by individuals of the congregation a pipe organ, a furnace, a Bible, carpet, chairs and windows. The congregations have increased during the year."

Fishkill-on-Hudson reports a year much like previous years. The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor and the Ladies' Missionary Society are both active and efficient. The Sunday school is flourishing. The last of a debt on the chapel has been paid.

Rhinebeck. "The general work of the church has prospered. The contributions to benevolent objects have been considerably increased." This church joined with the Methodist and Lutheran churches in holding union meetings for three weeks in January. The services were largely attended; Christians were edified; and there were a few conversions.

Glenham. Only statistics given, but these are quite elegant and speak of aggresive work in Glenham.

Cold Spring has enjoyed the regular ministrations in the sanctuary, Sabbath school and prayer-meeting. Rev. Edward

J. Runk has labored with this people as stated supply. This church also joined with other churches in holding union meetings, but reports only meagre results. The church property has been improved and the benevolent contributions increased, and at the same time the aid received yearly from the Board of Domestic Missions has been relinquished.

Millbrook sends a hopeful report. Services are well attended. The work in two of the chapels connected with the church has been particularly encouraging. "Thankful for the past and hopeful for the future, we will trust in the Lord and go forward."

The following ministerial changes have occurred: The pastoral relation between the Rev. M. B. Thomas and the church of Fishkill was dissolved, and he was dismissed to the Presbytery of Chicago. Rev. C. R. Blauvelt was dismissed to the Classis of Paramus.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. A. DUMONT, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.

Your Committee on the State of Religion would respectfully submit the following Report: They have received no report from the churches of Hastings or Greenville. Five of the churches reporting, namely, Bronxville, Greenburgh, Melrose, Unionville and West Farms, send to your Committee merely statistics. Two of these, namely, Bronxville and West Farms, remain as they were a year ago, without pastors; while the church of Greenville has likewise become vacant recently.

Mt. Vernon alone reports a season of special revival, yet others of our churches report a goodly increase of members and an evident quickening of spiritual life, promising well for the future; while in several of the churches a considerable increase of contributions for congregational purposes is worthy of special note as indication of their vitality and prosperity.

Courtlandtown reports that the church services are well attended, the Sunday school increasing in attendance and the Ladies' Aid Society very efficient in helpfulness. "We are hoping and praying for and expecting an outpouring of the Spirit upon our church. We are going along quietly sowing the seed knowing that bye and bye will come the harvest in God's own time. We work in faith that our Heavenly Father will give the increase for reward and the glory shall be His."

Fordham reports: "We have exceeded in the column for congregational purposes the sum of last year by a thousand dollars, reaching a total of $4,105. Spiritually, our church, by her attendance, admissions and Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, retains her position of last year. We make mention of the death of our senior elder, Josiah Valentine, who was greatly beloved and respected among us."

Tarrytown First. "Our Statistical Table tells fairly well the story of the year with us. We have had no season of special religious quickening, but the additions from all sources have reached twenty-one. At each season some have been added to our number, and our growth has been natural and steady. Our contributions for church purposes indicate also the interest our people take in the affairs of their own church. As to the rest, the Sunday congregations have been good, the meetings for prayer well attended, and there has been a good degree of activity in the several departments of church work."

Tarrytown Second. "The past year has been one exceedingly bright and encouraging for the church. Steady interest in the weekly prayer-meeting has been evidenced by the large attendance throughout the year, while the Christian Endeavor prayer-meeting, held before Sabbath evening service, has been a very well-spring of spiritual life." The church finds upon its revised roll of members 192 names, ninety-seven names, mostly absentees of long standing, having been placed upon a retired list. During the year "the envelope system of church support was introduced into the church and, thus far, speaks well for its own success in the

future. The church has closed the year entirely free from debt. Grateful for the blessings that have been ours during the past year, it is with expectant minds that we look for the blessings that seem to await us in the future."

Mount Vernon has had a pleasant, peaceful year of quiet steady growth, and the number received on confession is the largest one in the history of the church, and is mostly all adults and heads of families. "Some of them are the fruits of a series of union evangelistic meetings held in our town the first two weeks of January. All but one, that is twenty-two, have united since January 1st." The prayer-meetings are largely attended, the Sunday services steadily increasing, and the Sunday school growing finely. The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor has had a wonderful success; its new monthly paper, *The Endeavor*, published in the interests of the society, marking their zeal and enthusiasm. "Financially, we are able to hold our own, both in benevolence and for congregational purposes. We have peace and prosperity, for which we are thankful to God and Christ, the great Head of the Church."

Peekskill. "The year has been characterized by quiet work and great unity. There never was during the present pastorate as thorough a union and harmony as at the present time. It is not the peace of stagnation, but that which springs from the unity of the spirit. There is great activity in all the departments of church life." The Woman's Missionary Society is doing excellent work, while "the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor is the pastor's right hand, and promises much for the future. Financially, we must say our God has richly supplied all our need. The church, though small, has done nobly, and many have given until they felt it." The Sunday school, although having suffered the loss of its superintendent, is doing well, having outgrown the lecture room, so that the main body of the school now meets in the church. "Our work continues largely to be a work of faith. We look to the future with hope and good courage. Peekskill has a bright future and good prosperity, and so has the Van Nest Reformed Church of Peekskill."

Yonkers. "The last year, with us, has been quiet. The people have been united and work has gone forward as usual. Large financial responsibilities, growing out of public improvements in our city, have been cheerfully met, while at the same time, our people have kept up their accustomed giving to benevolences. Our young members have developed into a very useful force in the church. All services are well sustained. We have great cause for gratitude, but we have not at this time many accessions on profession of faith to report. Signs are hopeful, however, and we think the near future will reveal that the Holy Spirit, during the past year, has been carrying forward an effective work upon many dear ones in our church who have not yet come out publicly on the side of Christ."

Ecclesiastical Changes.—The Rev. James A. Norris was installed pastor of the church at Hastings, May 15th, 1888, and the Rev. James E. Graham was dismissed on April 8th, 1889, to the Classis of Schenectady to take charge of the church at Vischer's Ferry.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

TABER KNOX, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Bloomingdale	F. M. Bogardus	110	21	2	3	0	1	131	30	11	0	100	1	119	$46 18	$882 90	Whiteport, Ulster Co., N. Y.
The Clove	Herman Hageman	160	35	14	7	1	2	264	36	10	240	200	3	420	553	2,493 80	High Falls, " "
Dashville Falls	Vacant	‡45	0	0	0	0	0	118	0	0	20	0	0	0	50	130	Rifton Glen, " "
Guilford	Calvin E. Lasher	80	8	4	1	0	3	97	4	3	157	63	3	219	52 60	1,200	Gardiner, " "
Hurley	Samuel T. Searle	72	7	7	6	0	3	192	4	3	65	50	1	123	214	1,120	Hurley, " "
Kingston, Fair Street	Stephen D. Noyes	157	4	19	7	0	8	343	4	1	0	0	1	326	435 10	5,627 96	Kingston, " "
Krumville	Paul T. Deyo	35	0	0	0	0	0	90	6	0	70	20	1	92	4	300	Samsonville, " "
Lyonsville	Vacant	‡52	0	0	0	0	0	55	0	0	0	0	1	70	4	166	Lyonsville, " "
Marbletown	Wm. W. Schomp (s. c.)	100	13	3	7	0	2	170	2	8	0	0	1	65	212	1,464 86	Stone Ridge, " "
Marbletown, North	Wm. W. Schomp, S. S.	57	4	1	0	0	1	97	0	2	0	0	1	83	66 16	343 89	" "
New Paltz	Abel H. Huizinga	270	35	13	18	0	4	426	10	12	0	200	7	376	827 14	2,247 09	New Paltz, " "
Rochester	John B. Church	125	10	3	4	0	5	197	6	3	121	75	4	375	198 90	1,378 81	Accord, " "
Rosendale	Matthew N. Oliver	76	6	13	6	0	2	181	33	3	175	0	1	111	43 55	1,379 14	Rosendale, " "
St. Remy	F. M. Bogardus	45	15	5	0	0	1	92	4	10	31	91	1	91	18 76	557 77	Whiteport, " "
	Total	1386	158	84	59	1	33	2453	139	66	879	799	26	2670	$2,727 34	$19,186 72	

Other Ministers.—Rev. Jas. R. Lente, Emeritus, Washingtonville, N. Y.; Rev. M. F. Liebenau, Emeritus, Kingston, N. Y.; Rev. B. F. Snyder, Whiteport, N. Y.

‡Last Year's Report.

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

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Jamaica	Oliver H. Walser.....	185	28	17	8	..	10	352	12	9	.....	162	2	220	$506 52	$4,398 14	Jamaica, L. I., N. Y.
Newtown....	Chas. I. Shepard.....	96	5	3	2	...	4	188	10	....	.....	.....	2	250	846 25	2,576 25	Newtown, " "
Oyster Bay	John H. Smock.....	80	7	2	...	...	4	136	2	1	.....	.....	1	95	334 38	1,058 89	Glen Head, " "
North Hempstead.....	Abm. I. Martine.....	71	6	2	...	...	1	125	2	3	43	36	1	75	196 50	4,470 08	Manhasset, " "
Williamsburgh.....	E. P. Terhune....	190	16	7	8	...	3	265	2	3	.....	202	1	305	700 18	39,850	157 So. 9th St., Brooklyn, " "
Astoria.	William S. Cranmer...	80	7	6	15	...	3	*176	9	2	...	202	1	227	591	10,605	76 Remsen St., Astoria, " "
Flushing.....	Oliver E. Cobb.	88	6	...	1	...	3	187	3	1	.....	65	1	130	393	3,300	Flushing, L. I., " "
Greenpoint.....	Lewis Francis	201	23	11	20	...	3	424	14	4	...	.....	2	250	1,862 05	8,587	143 Noble St.,B'klyn,E.D., " "
South Bushwick.....	Geo. D. Hulst.....	180	18	9	5	...	4	376	18	5	.....	...	1	350	300	5,300	15 Himrod St., Brooklyn, " "
Second Astoria.....	C. D. F. Steinführer...	100	2	...	...	...	4	294	76	1	.....	25	1	256	102 30	1,000	Astoria, L. I.,
East Williamsburgh...	Vacant	22	1	8	...	...	...	43	1	....	.....	.....	1	162	41 25	611 50	
Queens	Jas. S. N. Demarest...	*68	2	9	...	...	3	*129	11	...	.....	156	2	460	312 88	5,740 38	Queens, " "
German Ev., Brooklyn	John C. Guenther.....	250	116	4	7	...	7	500	165	4	80	116	3	1000	798	4,572	178 Lorimer St., B'klyn, " "
Sayville.....	Jean S. Crousas.....	58	2	1	...	...	3	85	3	....	100	13	1	109	26	324 32	Sayville, L. I., " "
Locust Valley.....	John H. Smock.....	40	...	...	1	...	1	56	...	....	.....	.....	1	80	.....	678	Glen Head, " "
College Point.....	John Baumeister.....	67	...	...	4	...	...	138	11	....	.....	6	1	153	298 67	1,291 07	College Point, " "
First Ref., L. I. City...	Alexander Shaw.	45	5	4	...	...	1	59	11	....	.....	90	1	108	52 15	971 50	L. I. City, " "
Bushwick.....	Wm. H. Ford	220	5	3	10	1	3	257	22	1	.....	.....	1	276	100	3,158	558 Van Buren St.,B'klyn. " "
German Ev., Jamaica.	Franz Hartig	54	6	1	2	...	5	150	20	....	.....	11	1	100	40	1,448 77	Jamaica, L. I.,
Jericho.....	Vacant	22	...	...	...	...	...	8	...	....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	152	" "
Hicksville.....	E. Gutweiler	42	...	...	1	...	1	36	5	....	.....	12	1	100	11	589	Hicksville, " "
	Total....	2150	255	87	84	1	63	3914	397	34	223	1156	26	6600	$7,512 08	$101176 90	

Other Ministers.—E. R. Atwater, Brooklyn, N. Y.; W. H. Ten Eyck (s. c.), New Brunswick, N. J.; Alex. S. Van Dyck, Amoy, China; John M. Wagner. 315 Graham Avenue, Brooklyn, E. D., N. Y.; Robt. H. Barr, Newburgh, N. Y.

Candidate.—Herman H. Shook, Brooklyn, N. Y.

*Revised List.

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Brooklyn	C. B. Chapin.....	65	7	23	31	0	8	211	2	1	.....	.....	2	610	$1,285	$730	218 Degraw St., B'klyn, N.Y.
Centennial Chapel...																	
Flatbush.....	C. L. Wells.....	125	13	1	9	0	5	†351	9	0	188	100	1	260	4,964	.....	Flatbush, Kings Co., "
" Mission.....	W. H. Boocock, S. S...	75	8	9	2	0	2	.....	8	1	....	.....	1	160	200	.....	" " "
New Utrecht.....	Alfred H. Brush.....	100	5	3	2	...	6	257	5	...	...	50	2	471	1,349	2,768	Bath Beach, L. I., "
Gravesend..... ..	P. V. Van Buskirk.....	120	6	3	5	0	6	225	7	0	150	130	2	245	1,116	2,534	Gravesend, Kings Co., "
Flatlands.....	John S. Gardner.....	73	3	1	5	0	4	167	8	0	72	70	2	252	580	2,600	Flatlands, " "
New Lots..... ..	Nicholas Pearse	70	3	3	4	0	3	157	9	0	.....	50	1	.....	1,557	2,565	New Lots Av., Sta. E., B'klyn.
East New York	Jesse W. Brooks.	58	29	5	3	0	2	123	0	6	.....	200	1	400	.....	1,095	" " " "
South Brooklyn	A De Witt Mason	123	13	22	10	0	0	178	16	2	64	60	1	287	558	2,298	165 52d St., Brooklyn, N. Y.
12th St., "	John Elroy Lloyds . ..	250	36	42	41	1	4	547	32	16	360	1058	2	1403	606	9,436	468 9th St., "
North "	William D. Perry.....	54	11	6	9	0	6	152	1	2	.....	...	1	208	17	2,389	198 Carlton Ave., B'klyn, "
Ch. on Heights, B'klyn	Wesley Reid Davis.....	148	1	23	11	0	5	161	0	0	.....	.....	2	570	9,810	6,819	50 Monroe Place, " "
Bethany Chapel, "	....	....	13	0	0	0	0	141	0	0	.....	.....	1	....	586		
New Brooklyn.....	Jacob Weber..... ...	135	26	0	0	0	3	393	98	0	500	30	1	300	302	1,216	1062 Herkimer St., " "
Bedford	Herman C. Berg.....	.....	5	5	22	0	...	....	0	3	.....	...	1	....	200	3,000	99 Hancock St., " "
Second Flatbush.....	Carl Scholz.....	40	13	0	0	0	1	76	11	0	72	5	1	68	64	4,214	Flatbush, Kings Co., "
Canarsie.....	F. E. Scheider.....	42	3	.....	.....	.....	2	82	7	....	.....	.....	1	110	39	.....	Canarsie, " L. I., "
St Thomas, West Indies	A. J. Hageman.....	45	5	0	0	0	5	137	7	....	.....	30	1	120	126	1,776	St. Thomas, Dan. W. Indies.
Ocean Hill....	A. Messler Quick.....	60	5	13	5	...	...	111	4	2	.....	175	1	265	35	1,512	56 7th Ave , Brooklyn, N. Y.
	Total	1583	205	159	159	1	62	3469	224	33	1406	1952	25	5548	$23,344	$44,937	

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New York (Collegiate)	Thomas E. Vermilye..	....	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	15 West 56th St., N. Y. City
	Talbot W. Chambers..	547	62	20	41	3	20	1734	4	...	.....	.....	5	1834	$30,586	.....	70 West 36th St., "
	Edward B. Coe.....	.....	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	42 West 52d St., "
North..... Col.	Kenneth F. Junor....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	160 West 29th St., "
De Witt..... Chapl's	Benj. E. Dickhaut....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	160 West 29th St., "
Knox Mem'l.	Wm. Vaughan.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	514 Ninth Avenue, "
Harlem Collegiate...	George H. Smyth.....	540	98	99	44	0	9	1304	26	28	...	900	2	1417	4,971	.....	269 Lenox Ave., "
	Joachim Elmendorf...																61 East 123d St., "
South.....	Roderick Terry.....	153	2	3	0	0	2	262	4	0	77	30	2	250	10,500	$8,000	169 Madison Ave., "
Manor Chapel (South).	John A. Billingsley....	159	20	2	2	0	3	205	12	2	133	75	2	514	350	940	444 West 23d St., "
Staten Island...	James Brownlee.....	158	11	3	3	0	4	297	9	4	0	150	2	468	1,022	4,698	Port Richmond, S. I., N. Y.
	Alfred H. Demarest...																
Bloomingdale.....	Carlos Martyn.....	161	25	26	14	0	4	275	7	3	0	0	1	400	523	.....	B'way & 68th St., N. Y. City
Madison Avenue... ...	Abbott E. Kittredge...	292	55	77	19	0	7	707	15	21	0	804	2	898	9,601	19,803	50 E. 69th St., "
Thirty-fourth Street...	Vacant	166	12	4	20	0	5	371	6	1	.65	135	1	216	960	6,527	
German Ev. Mission...	Julius W. Geyer.....	110	44	3	12	0	11	374	78	4	0	28	1	600	1,168	5,688	78 Second St., "
Huguenots	Vacant	40	0	0	0	0	0	26	0	0	.....	94	1	94	61	276	
St. Paul's, Mott Haven.	.....	51	4	3	5	0	0	152	6	3	0	80	1	342	352	3,474	
Union, High Bridge....	Daniel H. Martin	115	22	4	1	0	1	162	9	4	98	0	1	214	538	8,464	High Bridge, "
Fourth German.....	John H. Oerter.....	112	46	2	0	0	2	488	38	0	190	240	1	484	264	1,066	248 West 40th St., "
Prospect Hill.....	D. McL. Quackenbush.	55	4	0	33	0	2	125	5	0	0	103	1	247	395	1,518	222 East 67th St., "
Holland.....	Vacant	20	2	5	0	0	3	45	4	0	16	0	0	0	29	213	
Avenue B German Ev.	Jacob Schlegel.....	150	51	2	4	0	12	780	95	0	.....	50	1	350	473	1,897	602 Fifth St., "
Brighton Heights.... .	John Hutchins	231	9	5	8	0	1	316	6	4	50	200	1	307	808	5,266	Tompkinsville, S. I., N. Y.
Union, Sixth Avenue..	Charles A. Jones	68	7	2	5	0	6	218	8	2	8	30	2	170	515	1,998	112 West 11th St., N. Y. City
German, Norfolk St...	Frederick C. Erhardt.	82	42	0	4	0	4	300	70	2	0	35	1	376	140	1,025	147 Norfolk St., "
Kreischerville.	Jacob Ganss.	150	9	0	0	1	10	68	25	0	25	8	1	176	7	1,250	Kreischerville, S. I., N. Y.
Ger. Ev., of Yorkville..	G. A. T. Goebel	80	20	0	0	0	0	200	80	3	....	30	1	355	.....	4,500	323 East 84th St., N. Y. City
Grace.....	Joseph R. Duryee....	137	14	3	3	0	2	167	12	3	....	....	1	440	672	2,132	112 West 47th St., "
Hamilton Grange	William Westerfield ...	50	45	60	0	0	0	105	13	9	....	.....	1	400	.....	543	58 East 125th St., "
	Total.....	3567	604	323	218	4	108	8676	527	93	662	2987	32	10547	$63,985	$80,168	

Foreign Missionaries.—Rev. Leonard Kip, Amoy, China; Rev. C. H. H. Wolff, Japan; Rev. E. Rothesay Miller, Yokohama, Japan; Rev. Nathan Henry Demarest, Nagasaki, Japan.

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	Wesley Reid Davis.....	148	1	23	11	0	5	161	0	0	.....	.....	2	570	9,810	6,819	50 Monroe Place, " "
	.....	...	13	0	0	0	0	141	0	0	.....	.....	1	....	536		
	Jacob Weber.....	135	26	0	0	0	3	393	98	0	500	30	1	300	302	1,216	1062 Herkimer St., " "
	Herman C. Berg.....	....	5	5	22	0	...	....	0	3	....	...	1	.....	200	3,000	99 Hancock St., " "
	Carl Scholz.....	40	13	0	0	0	1	76	11	0	72	5	1	68	64	4,214	Flatbush, Kings Co., "
	F. E. Scheider.....	42	3	....	....	....	2	82	7	....	.....	.....	1	110	39	.....	Canarsie, " L. I., "
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Fishkill						
Rhinebeck						
Glenham						
Cold Spring						
brook						

Other Ministers.—Rev. C. S. Hag
Hawthorne, N. J.; Rev. F. F. Wilso

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.

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Berea	C. W. Burrowes	*50	1	1	6	0	5	*112	....	....	40	12	1	57	$117 35	$882 37	Walden,	N. Y.
Bloomingburgh	John L. Stillwell	60	4	1	3	....	4	130	2	2	....	25	1	97	84	976	Bloomingburgh,	"
Callicoon	Henry Unglaub	90	....	....	....	....	4	150	23	....	....	20	2	150	35	396 11	Callicoon,	"
Claraville		....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	
Cuddebackville	Gilbert Lane	65	....	1	....	....	....	104	....	....	28	....	1	100	70	....	Cuddebackville,	"
Deerpark	L. L. Taylor	214	33	10	5	1	8	347	7	20	....	75	2	521	964 65	4,692 99	Port Jervis,	"
Ellenville	H. A. Hendrickson	161	14	8	12	....	4	273	5	4	....	150	1	282	675 13	2,050	Ellenville,	"
†Fallsburgh	B. T. Statesir	90	1	1	17	....	4	100	2	....	78	20	3	120	233 44	672	Woodbourne,	"
Grahamsville	Vacant	29	....	....	4	....	6	64	....	....	....	....	1	45	....	103	Eureka,	"
Kerhonkson		....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Kerhonkson,	"
Mamakating	Samuel Millett	30	6	2	....	1	7	63	1	4	1	45	1	84	24	450	Wurtsboro,	"
Minnisink	Joseph Millett	54	7	....	1	....	....	58	....	5	....	....	2	96	25	648	Montague,	N. J.
Montgomery	F. S. Schenck	185	8	4	5	....	5	433	14	1	....	75	3	150	1,126 44	2,133 83	Montgomery,	N. Y.
Newburgh	H. V. S. Myers	171	5	15	17	....	11	406	5	2	156	230	1	230	1,384 52	2,723 57	Newburgh,	"
New Hurley	Geo. W. Scarlet	*145	23	6	5	1	8	197	6	13	....	90	2	130	212 62	1,133 52	New Hurley,	"
New Prospect	Edwin O. Moffett	*110	17	3	5	....	5	150	8	10	....	147	2	147	108 54	1,096 24	Pine Bush,	"
Shawangunk	P. K. Hageman (s. c.)	75	16	2	11	....	5	261	4	7	....	200	4	200	155 80	1,008 67	Bruynswick,	"
Unionville		....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	
Walden	W. H. S. Demarest	126	12	20	15	....	7	233	3	4	125	150	1	175	343 40	2,155	Walden,	"
Walkill Valley	Richard De Witt	75	10	....	5	....	3	112	4	5	54	35	1	160	83 50	1,213 81	Walkill,	"
Walpack (Upper)	John M. Allen	45	1	1	1	....	2	39	2	1	....	....	2	75	22 50	574 50	Dingman's Ferry,	Penna.
Walpack (Lower)	Vacant	....	....	....	....	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	2	120	....	305	Bushkill,	"
Wawarsing	Vacant	40	....	....	2	....	2	75	....	....	....	20	1	95	43 50	....	Napanoch,	N. Y.
	Total	1815	158	75	114	3	92	3307	86	78	482	1294	34	3034	$5,709 39	$23,214 61		

***Other Ministers.*—Rev. S. W. Mills, Port Jervis, N. Y.; Rev. W B. Darrach, Walden, N. Y.; Rev. J. A. Staats, Goshen, N. Y.; Rev. Goyn Talmage, Somerville, N. J.; Rev. J. T. Demarest (Emeritus), New Brunswick, N. J.; Rev. J. E. Bernart, Chester, N. Y.; Rev. John H. Gillespie, Prof. of Greek in Hope College, Holland, Mich.**

***Revised List. †Last Year's Report.**

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
First, Poughkeepsie	A. P. Van Gieson (s. c.)	190	7	19	5	...	8	517	6	3	.....	.....	1	358	$2,725 10	$4,195 41	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
Second, Poughkeepsie	F. A. M. Brown	130	13	2	11	...	2	272	4	4	.....	.....	1	169	1,052 45	4,064 90	" "
Fishkill	Vacant	80	1	12	8	...	3	179	...	1	.....	104	1	122	210 63	2,469 28	Fishkill, "
Hopewell	C. H. Polhemus	150	3	3	11	...	8	288	2	2	.....	.....	5	259	234 52	1,326 23	Hopewell Junction, "
New Hackensack	Wm. A. Dumont	90	10	3	.....	...	10	159	1	4	.....	6	4	175	561 31	1,057 57	New Hackensack, "
Hyde Park	John F. Shaw	60	3	3	.....	...	3	120	1	2	.....	.....	1	72	106 29	2,693 23	Hyde Park, "
Fishkill-on-Hudson	Charles W. Fritts	125	11	5	8	...	3	289	4	3	.....	.....	1	238	1,052 64	4,898	Fishkill-on-Hudson, "
Rhinebeck	J. Romeyn Berry	125	4	7	3	...	7	192	2	2	.....	.....	1	106	751	1,596	Rhinebeck, "
Glenham	P. S. Beekman	35	14	2	3	...	...	75	1	5	.....	.....	1	75	75 40	551 11	Glenham, "
Cold Spring	Edward J. Runk, S. S.	30	1	.....	2	...	2	44	0	0	9	21	1	38	58 59	649 93	Cold Spring, "
Millbrook	J. Edward Lyall	79	5	5	5	1	3	127	6	5	60	.....	3	192	296 26	1,737 20	Millbrook, "
	Total	1094	72	61	56	1	49	2257	27	31	69	131	20	1804	$7,124 19	$25,198 86	

***Other Ministers.*—Rev. C. S. Hageman, Nyack, N. Y.; Rev. A. Mattice, Pine Plains, N. Y.; Rev. H. N. Cobb, 26 Reade St., New York City; Rev. H. Dater, Hawthorne, N. J.; Rev. F. F. Wilson, Asbury Park, N. J.**

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Bronxville	Vacant	37					1	79			23		1	29	$81 29	$815 19	Bronxville, Westchester Co.
Cortlandtown	Joseph A. Harper	76	2	2	2			68	12	2			2	184	82 86	1,080 45	Montrose, " N. Y.
Fordham	Wm. F. Anderson	86	4	10	3			129	6	3			1	301	872 78	4,105 54	Fordham, New York City.
Greenburgh	Wm. E. Turner	19						14	3			8	1	38		300	Elmsford, Westchester Co.
Greenville	Vacant	19						43					1	34			Scarsdale, " N. Y.
Hastings	James A. Norris	70	14	1	1		3	94	1	4			1	109	12	1,761 64	Hastings, " "
Melrose	John E. Lang	61	3		6		5	119	14	4		33	1	547	40	2,434 73	Elton Ave & 156th St., N.Y.C.
Mount Vernon	C. K. Clearwater (s. c.)	125	23	8	18		1	280	7	3		96	1	300	650	4,600 57	Mt. Vernon, Westchester Co.
Peekskill	Henry De Vries	80	6	4	5		2	113		4			1	108	162 83	1,640 05	Peekskill, " N. Y.
Tarrytown, First	John K. Allen	105	13	8	4		6	258	1	4			1	225	718	2,886 43	Tarrytown, " "
" Second	Taber Knox	80	3	12	7		7	192	15	1		67	1	109	463 19	3,023 86	" " "
Unionville	Henry Mattice, P. E.	63	1	1	3		3	92	3	1	20	15	1	70	153 65	1,561 89	Neperan, " "
West Farms	Vacant	20						25	1	0		4	1	75	21 87	361 82	1295 Woodruff St., New York
Yonkers	David Cole	155	5	12	13		5	397	10	1	100	135	2	407	942 28	5,936 25	Yonkers, Westchester Co
	Total	966	74	58	62	0	33	1897	78	27	143	358	16	2430	$4,196 75	$31,458 42	

Other Ministers.—Rev. John A. Todd, Tarrytown, N. Y.; Rev. William Brush, Morristown, N. J.; Rev. Lawrence H. Van Dyke, Merritt's Corners, Westchester Co., N. Y.; Rev. William W. Rand, Sec. American Tract Society, 150 Nassau St., New York; Rev. Howard Harris, Foreign Missionary, Japan; Rev. William D. Moore, Neperan, Westchester Co., N. Y.; Rev. Edward J. Runk, S. S., Cold Spring, N. Y.; Rev. George Rockwell, Tarrytown, N. Y.

Candidate.—Henry J. Bogardus M.D., Crescent Ave., Jersey City Heights, N. J.

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK, FOR YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 1889.

CLASSES.	Churches.	Ministers.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						Baptized		No. of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		STATED CLERKS.
				Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Arcot	23	10	1327	79	89	109	95	28	1606	142	29	2215	1126	103	5511	$486	$438	Rev. John Scudder.
Hudson	10	9	1150	87	46	32	0	33	1940	49	35	221	740	18	1758	4,315	22,436	Rev. Thos. S. Dusinberre.
Kingston	14	13	1886	158	84	59	1	22	2452	139	66	879	790	26	2870	2,737	19,187	Rev. Wm. W. Schomp
North Long Island	21	23	2159	255	97	84	1	63	2914	207	34	223	1156	26	6600	7,512	101,177	Rev. Wm. H. Ten Eyck.
South Long Island	17	32	1583	205	159	159	1	62	3469	224	33	1406	1932	25	5548	23,344	44,287	Rev. Robert G. Strong.
New York	22	41	3567	604	323	218	4	106	8676	527	93	662	2987	32	10647	63,935	80,163	Rev. J. A. Billingsley.
Orange	23	23	1815	158	75	114	3	92	3307	86	78	482	1294	34	3084	5,709	23,214	Rev. P. K. Hageman.
Poughkeepsie	11	15	1094	72	61	56	1	49	2257	27	31	69	131	20	1804	7,124	25,196	Rev. A. P. Van Gieson.
Westchester	14	19	996	74	58	62	0	33	1897	78	27	143	358	16	2130	4,196	31,458	Rev. Chas. K. Clearwater.
Total	155	185	15077	1692	982	893	106	500	29519	1669	426	6900	10513	300	39902	$119,348	$348,206	

ARTICLE VIII.

CLASSICAL MINUTES.

The Committee on Classical Minutes reported by sub-committees on the Minutes of each of the Classes as follows, and the reports were severally accepted and adopted:

Classis of Hudson.—The Committee on Classical Minutes for the Classis of Hudson have examined the same and report the record well kept and giving an intelligent view of the condition of the churches. Questions 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 are answered by all the churches in the affirmative, with the exception of West Copake, that makes no report. To question 6, all affirmative except one. The answers are varied to question 7.

Respectfully submitted,

N. PEARSE,
ISAAC E. BERGEN.
Committee.

Your Committee, to whom the Report on Minutes of Classis of Hudson—the same being referred back to us specially to consider the matter of permitting the Rev. Jno. M. Reiner to withdraw from the ministry—have re-examined the action of Classis, and your Committee endorses the action of said Classis in the matter.

P. T. DEYO, *Chairman.*
DANIEL D. BEEKMAN.

Classis of Kingston.—The Committee on Classical Minutes for the Classis of Kingston have examined the same and find them correct. The constitutional questions are answered by all the churches in the Classis (excepting only those of Dashville Falls and Lyonsville which are vacant), and these answers are generally in the affirmative.

Respectfully submitted,

G. HUTCHINSON SMYTH.
THEOPHILUS A. BROUWER.

North Classis of Long Island.—The Committee on the Minutes of the North Classis of Long Island report that the Minutes have been examined and found excellently kept. The annual constitutional questions are, as usual in this Classis, answered quite generally in the affirmative. The most noticeable answers are to the second question in reference to the regular explanation of the Heidelberg Catechism. To this question eight churches answered yes; nine, no.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN G. GEBHARD, *Chairman.*

South Classis of Long Island.—The Committee on the Classical Minutes of the South Classis of Long Island report that they have examined the Minutes and found them in good order. The answers to the annual constitutional questions are "yes," by all churches in answer to questions 1, 3 and 5. One answers "no," to question 2, one, to question 4, one, to question 6, ten, to question 7, twelve, to question 8—referring to students preparing for the ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

DU BOIS LE FEVRE.

Classis of New York.—Your Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the Classis of New York respectfully report that they have examined the same and find them carefully and regularly kept. The following is the summary of the answers to constitutional questions to ministers and elders. Two churches, Holland and Kreischerville, are not mentioned as giving any answers. Holland is vacant, but Kreischerville is not. By all the others affirmative answers are given to questions 1, 5, 6. Two churches answer "in part" to question 2. To question 3 one church says "no," and one "in part." To question 4 two churches says "no," and one "in part." To question 7 two respond "in part," and one "not yet," and one "to one." Twelve churches answer "yes" to all the questions.

Respectfully submitted,

ABEL H. HUIZINGA,
JOHN L. RYDER.

Classis of Orange.—Your Committee, appointed to examine the Minutes of the Classis of Orange, would respectfully report that they have examined the same and find them carefully kept, also that the questions on "Ministerial Faithfulness" have been more fully answered in the affirmative than they were last year. Especially do we note greater faithfulness in compliance with the requirement of the second question.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. W. SCHOMP,
GILBERT PLASS.

Classis of Poughkeepsie.—The Committee on the Minutes of the Classis of Poughkeepsie respectfully report that they have found them kept attractively and accurately, except that the orthography of the name of the Van Bunschoten Bequest has not been changed from Van Benschoten to that authorized by the General Synod, Van Bunschoten. In regard to the constitutional inquiries, only four churches reported contributions for all the Benevolent Boards of the Church. Two churches answer "no" to the second constitutional question, four answer "no" to the third, and one answers "no" to the sixth.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD J. RUNK,
W. J. CHARLTON.
Committee.

Classis of Westchester.—The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the Classis of Westchester, would respectfully report that they have examined the same, and find them carefully and regularly kept. The following is a summary of the constitutional questions to ministers and elders. Six churches, no representative in Classis. Of the remaining eight churches, one answers "yes" to all. To questions 1, 4, 5, in the affirmative, all. To question 2, one affirmative, seven negative. To questions 3 and 7, three affirmative, five negative. To question 6, seven affirmative, one negative.

P. K. HAGEMAN, *Chairman*,
WALTER BRETT.

ARTICLE IX.

OVERTURES AND JUDICIAL BUSINESS.

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business presented their report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows:

Resolved, That the Particular Synod of New York hereby respectfully memorialize the General Synod to appoint a Synodical Missionary Superintendent for the Particular Synod of New York.

Respectfully submitted,

G. D. LYDECKER,
E. J. RUNK,
E. C. SCUDDER.

Elders.

GILBERT PLASS,
J. L. SCHULTZ,
B. LARZALERE.

ARTICLE X.

CLASSICAL REFERENCES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XI.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XII.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIII.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIV.

SCHOOLS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XV.

STUDENTS IN THEOLOGY.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVI.

SIGNING THE FORMULA.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVII.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS.

Attended to by Committee on Classical Minutes.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SYNODICAL INJUNCTIONS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIX.

PARTICULARIA.

The first hour of Tuesday afternoon, after the organization, was passed in devotional excersises, led by Rev. Stephen D. Noyes, D.D., of Kingston, New York.

The first half hour of the Wednesday morning session was also spent in devotional experiences, led by Rev. G. Hutchinson Smyth, D.D., of New York City.

The Communion of the Lord's Supper was celebrated on the evening of the first day, immediately after the Synodical Sermon. The form was read by the President of Synod. The bread was administered by the Rev. Nicholas Pearse,

and the cup by the Rev. A. De Witt Mason; the distribution of the bread was made by the Elders, L. D. Barnes, A. P. Pitcher; of the wine, by the Elders, Gilbert Plass and Isaac E. Bergen.

The bar of the house was defined.

On motion it was

Resolved, That a Special Committee be appointed to arrange for religious services, the hours of meeting and adjournment, and the hearing of the representatives of the Boards. The President appointed the Revs. A. P. Van Gieson, J. A. Billingsley and P. H. Hageman, and Elders Isaac E. Borgen, John L. Ryder and Virgil C. Traver. Their report was accepted and adopted, and is as follows:

The session of Tuesday evening to be devoted to the sermon and the administration of the Lord's Supper as recorded. That Dr. Berry's paper on "Church Discipline," and also Rev. Mr. Hutchins' paper on "The Best Method of Conducting a Prayer-meeting" be heard on Wednesday morning, and that the representatives of the Boards of the Church be allowed six minutes each to present the needs of the various Boards, the time to be taken at the convenience of Synod.

A. P. VAN GIESON, *Chairman.*

The Rev. William J. R. Taylor, D.D., of Newark, N. J., addressed the Synod in behalf of the Board of Foreign Missions. The Rev. Chas. I. Shepard, of Newtown, L. I., spoke in the interest of Domestic Missions. Rev. John C. Van Deventer, of Nyack, N. Y., presented the claims of the Board of Education, and the Rev. William D. Perry, of Brooklyn, N. Y., urged the importance of the work of the Board of Publication.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the thanks of Synod be tendered to the Rev. J. Romeyn Berry, D.D., and Rev. John Hutchins, for the valuable and interesting papers read by them at this Session of Synod.

On motion Rev. Willian D. Perry, of Brooklyn, N. Y.,

was elected Stated Clerk, *pro tempore*, in place of Rev. Daniel Van Pelt, absent from the country.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the Committee on Nominations be requested to select subjects for papers to be read at the next Annual Session of Synod, as well as those who shall be invited to prepare and present such papers.

The Committee, in accordance with the above resolution, nominated Rev. Edward B. Coe, D.D., and Rev. Stephen D. Noyes, D.D., to prepare such papers, they to select their own subjects.

WILLIAM VEENSCHOTEN.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be directed to procure the printing of the usual number (450) of copies of the Minutes of this Session of Synod.

On motion it was

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be given to the brethren who have so ably presented the needs of the Domestic and Foreign Boards and the Boards of Education and Publication.

On motion it was

Resolved, That Rev. J. Romeyn Berry, D.D., be requested to formulate the substance of his paper as a memorial to the General Synod, to be presented to the next Particular Synod for its action.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod are hereby tendered to the pastor, Consistory, choir and congregation of the First Reformed Church of Poughkeepsie for their courteous entertainment of the Synod and assistance in worship and services.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the invitation of the Consistory of the Collegiate Reformed Church, presented by Rev. Edward B. Coe, D.D., to meet in their church at the next regular Session in 1890, be accepted with thanks by this Synod.

ARTICLE XX.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

The Treasurer presented the following account, which was referred to the Committee on the Treasurer's Account, and their report was accepted and adopted, and is as follows:

PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK, in account with
THEOPHILUS A. BROUWER, *Treasurer*.

1888.		Dr.	
May 5.	To Cash paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt for postal cards, etc.		$5 40
" 5.	" Cash paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt for doorkeeper at Kingston, N. Y.		5
" 5.	" Cash paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt for traveling expenses.		3 90
" 5.	" Cash paid Rev. Daniel Van Pelt for salary as Stated Clerk to May, 1889.		100
" 28.	" Cash paid Hosford & Sons for printing 450 copies Minutes of 1888.		139 30
1889.			
May 6.	" Cash Balance due Synod to new account.		268 15
			$516 75

1888.		Cr.	
May 2.	By Cash Balance from old account.		$189 75
Oct. 10.	" Cash from Rev. W. W. Schomp, Treasurer Classis of Kingston		33
" 18.	" Cash from R. M. Shepard, Esq., Treasurer Classis of Hudson.		24
Nov. 17.	" Cash from Rev. Carlos Martyn, Treasurer Classis of New York.		65
Dec. 26.	" Cash from Rev. J. L. Stillwell, Treasurer Classis of Orange.		52
1889.			
Mar. 1.	" Cash from Rev. J. A. Harper, Treasurer Classis of Westchester.		32
" 5.	" Cash from Rev. A. P. Van Gieson, Treasurer Classis of Poughkeepsie.		28
" 5.	" Cash from Rev. R. G. Strong, Treasurer South Classis of Long Island.		42
Apr. 13.	" Cash from Herman H. Shook, Treasurer North Classis of Long Island.		51
			$516 75

E. E. NEW YORK, May 6th, 1889.

THEOPHILUS A. BROUWER,
Treasurer.

The Committee on the Treasurer's Account respectfully report that they have examined the same with the vouchers and find them correct, and that there is a balance due Synod of two hundred and sixty-three dollars and fifteen cents ($263.15). In the communication presented to Synod, the Treasurer suggests that he be authorized to omit the assessment on the Classes for the ensuing year, ending May 1st, 1890. Your Committee would recommend that he be and hereby is authorized to omit the assessment as suggested.

CHAS. I. SHEPARD, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XXI.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL SYNOD.

The following were appointed:

Classis of Arcot.

PRIMARIUS.

Rev. E. C. Scudder, Jr.

Classis of Hudson.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Jas. C. Garretson.	Elder Ezra Lynk.
" Jno. G. Gebhard.	" George M. Harder.
" Wm. H. Gleason.	" A. P. Pitcher.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Wm. Veenschoten.	Elder Gilbert Plass.
" G. D. Lydecker.	" Francis Elting.
" Irving P. Emerick.	" P. A. Sheffer.

Classis of Kingston.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Herman Hageman.	Elder Moses S. Davis.
" Samuel T. Searle.	" Samuel Ten Eyck.
" Calvin E. Lasher.	" Josiah Le Fevre.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Paul T. Deyo.	Elder Benjamin Markle.
" John B. Church.	" Cornelius Kortright.
" Stephen D. Noyes.	" H. D. Darrow.

North Classis of Long Island.

PRIMARII.

Rev. John H. Smock.	Elder H. A. Stoutenburgh.
" Alexander Shaw.	" Thos. S. Payntar.
" Wm. S. Cranmer.	" F. A. Lancashire.
" Franz Hartig.	" Henry Fiel.

SECUNDI.

Rev. John C. Guenther.	Elder Christian Scherger.
" Wm. H. Ford.	" P. P. Richter.
" Jean S. Crousaz.	" Nichs. Vander Borgh.
" Jas. S. N. Demarest.	" J. D. B. Suydam.

South Classis of Long Island.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Peter V. Van Buskirk.	Elder Geo. W. Pool.
" Nicholas Pearse.	" H. D. Van Orden.
" Wesley R. Davis, D.D.	" Abram I. Ditmas.

SECUNDI.

Rev. John E. Lloyd.	Elder Adolphus Bennett.
" Herman C. Berg.	" L. R. Ladd.
" Jacob West, D.D.	" L. V. D. Hardenberg.

Classis of New York.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Talbot W. Chambers, D.D.	Elder D. D. Beekman.
" A. G. Vermilye, D.D.	" W. Bogardus.
" Daniel H. Martin.	" Geo. E. Knight.
" Julius W. Geyer.	" John Graham.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Carlos Martyn.	Elder J. B. Lockwood.
" J. Elmendorf.	" Richard Stoud.
" Chas. A. Jones.	" S. H. McElvoy, M.D.
" G. A. T. Goebel.	" Edgar Vanderbilt.

Classis of Orange.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Samuel Millett.	Elder J. V. Morrison.
" J. L. Stillwell.	" H. W. Brink.
" H. A. Hendrickson.	" W. S. Northrup.
" J. E. Bernart.	" J. F. Mould.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Livingston L. Taylor.	Elder E. M. Gorden.
" Joseph Millett.	" L. A. Marthis.
" J. M. Allen.	" Dusenberry.
" G. H. Scarlet.	" Abram Deyo.

Classis of Poughkeepsie.

PRIMARII.

Rev. A. Mattice.	Elder Granville Van Vliet.
" C. H. Polhemus.	" Isaac Riggs.
" J. E. Lyall.	" Jas. O. Pingrey, M.D.

SECUNDI.

Rev. H. N. Cobb, D.D.	Elder Franklin R. Benjamin.
" John F. Shaw.	" John C. Gilbert.
" P. S. Beekman.	" Sidney Scofield.

Classis of Westchester.

PRIMARII.

Rev. David Cole, D.D.	Elder Geo. Stewart.
" Henry De Vries.	" Wm. H. Powles.
" Taber Knox.	" Samuel Keeler

SECUNDI.

Rev. Wm. F. Anderson.	Elder I. C. See.
" J. E. Lang.	" J. H. Hart.
" Jos. A. Harper.	" J. H. Zabriskie.

ARTICLE XXII.

INSTRUCTIONS TO DELEGATES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXIII.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Synod adjourned to meet in Annual Session in the Collegiate Reformed Church of New York City, on the first Tuesday in May, 1890, at 3 o'clock P. M.

CLOSE OF SYNOD.

The Minutes were read and approved, the roll was called, and the Synod adjourned after prayer and the Apostolic Benediction by the President.

Signed,

J. ROMEYN BERRY, *President.*
G. HUTCHINSON SMYTH, *Vice-President.*

JOHN G. GEBHARD, } *Temporary Clerks.*
E. A. RUNK, }

WILLIAM D. PERRY, *Acting Stated Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

PRESIDENTS AND PLACES OF MEETING OF THIS SYNOD SINCE THE RE-ORGANIZATION OF THE PARTICULAR SYNODS, 1870–1889.

DATE.	PRESIDENT.	PLACE.
1870—	Rev. M. S. Hutton, D.D.	Yonkers.
1871—	Rev. Goyn Talmage.....	Flushing.
1872—	Rev. E. P. Rogers, D.D.....	Rhinebeck.
1873—	Rev. John A. Todd, D.D.....	Tarrytown (1st).
1874—	Rev. G. H. Mandeville, D.D..... ..	Poughkeepsie (2d).
1875—	Rev. John McC. Holmes, D.D.....	Brooklyn (1st).
1876—	Rev. David Inglis, D.D.....	Port Jervis.
1877—	Rev. Joachim Elmendorf.	Yonkers.
1878—	Rev. Alex. R. Thompson, D.D.... ...	Newburg.
1879—	Rev. Charles I. Shepard.....	Greenpoint.
1880—	Rev. William Ormiston, D.D.....	Mount Vernon.
1881—	Rev. David Cole, D.D.....	Montgomery.
1882—	Rev. Polhemus Van Wyck.	Jamaica, L. I.
1883—	Rev. Ezekiel C. Scudder, M.D	Brighton Heights (S. I.).
1884—	Rev. David N. Vanderveer.....	New York (South).
1885—	Rev. Herman C. Berg.....	Yonkers.
1886—	Rev. Cornelius L. Wells, D.D.....	Newburg.
1887—	Rev. Jacob Chamberlain, D.D., M.D..	Claverack.
1888—	Rev. Wm. H. Gleason, D.D.....	Kingston.
1889—	Rev. J. Romeyn Berry, D.D	Poughkeepsie (1st).

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THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN THE COLLEGIATE REFORMED (DUTCH) CHURCH, 48TH STREET, NEW YORK CITY, ON THE 6TH OF MAY, 1890, AT 3 O'CLOCK, P. M., AND ADJOURNED AT 1 O'CLOCK, P. M., OF THE SECOND DAY OF THE SESSION.

FORMATION OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

Synod was opened with prayer by the retiring President, the Rev. J. Romeyn Berry, D.D., who also preached the sermon before Synod, on the evening of the first day of the Session, from John 12 : 32, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Classis of Arcot.—Minister—

Classis of Hudson.—Ministers—Benjamin A. Bartholf, Wm. W. Whitney, Jonah H. Vaughan. *Elder*—Sylvester Strever.

Classis of Kingston.—Ministers—Samuel T. Searle, Herman Hageman, Abel H. Huizinga, Ph.D., Wm. W. Schomp.

Elders—Charles Markle, C. L. Hardenbergh, S. Schoonmaker, James Sahler.

North Classis of Long Island.—Ministers—C. D. F. Steinführer, Geo. D. Hulst, Abram I. Martine, Lewis Francis. *Elders*—J. R. Gelderman, H. H. Shook.

South Classis of Long Island.— Ministers—Alfred H. Brush, Daniel Van Pelt, Alfred De W. Mason, John S. Gardner. *Elders*—Theodore Sturgis, John Wilson, R. Homberger, L. R. Ladd.

Classis of New York.—Ministers—T. John Kommers, Joseph R. Duryee, Alfred H. Demarest, Julius W. Geyer. *Elders*—Theophilus A. Brouwer, H. P. Allen, Wm. H. Jackson.

Classis of Orange.—Ministers—H. V. S. Myers, D.D., J. M. Allen, Gilbert Lane. *Elders*—

Classis of Poughkeepsie.--Ministers—Abram Mattice, J. Romeyn Berry, D.D., Edward J. Runk. *Elders*—T. A. Van Wagner, Samuel Drury.

Classis of Westchester.—Ministers—Henry DeVries, David Cole, D.D. *Elder*—Orvis M. More.

ARTICLE III.

MODERATORS.

The Rev. Lewis Francis, of Brooklyn, New York, was elected President, and the Rev. Samuel T. Searle, of Hurley, New York, Vice-President. The Revs. John S. Gardner and Wm. W. Schomp were elected Temporary Clerks.

ARTICLE IV.

MINUTES AND BEQUESTS.

The Minutes of the Session of 1889 were read, and the printed record of them approved. The bequest of the Rev. Elias Van Bunschooten was read.

ACTS OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Rules of Order were read.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were the Standing Committees:

ON SYNODICAL MINUTES.—*Ministers*—Abel H. Huizinga, J. M. Allen, Wm. W. Whitney. *Elders*—Samuel Drury, Sylvester Strever, James Sahler.

ON CLASSICAL MINUTES.—*Arcot*— — — —— ——— *Hudson.*—Rev. T. J. Kommers. *Elder*—Charles Markle. *Kingston.*—Rev. A. De W. Mason. *Elder*—L. R. Ladd. *North Long Island.*—Rev. Jonah H. Vaughan. *Elder*—Theophilus A. Brouwer. *South Long Island.*—Rev. H. V. S. Myers. *Elder*—T. A. Van Wagner. *New York.*—Rev. Henry DeVries. *Elder*—R. Homberger. *Orange.*—Rev. A. I. Martine. *Elder*—John Wilson. *Poughkeepsie.*—Rev. A. H. Demarest. *Elder*—Wm. H. Jackson. *Westchester.*—Rev. Samuel T. Searle. *Elder*—J. R. Gelderman.

ON CLASSICAL REPORTS, OR STATE OF RELIGION.—*Ministers*—A. H. Demarest, Geo. D. Hulst, Abram Mattice. *Elders*—Theophilus A. Brouwer, Theodore Sturgis, O. M. More.

ON THE TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS.—*Ministers*—Jos. R. Duryee, J. H. Vaughan, Abram J. Martine. *Elders*—H. P. Allen, H. H. Shook, L. R. Ladd.

ON OVERTURES AND JUDICIAL BUSINESS.—*Ministers*—David Cole, J. Romeyn Berry, E. J. Runk. *Elders*—Wm. H. Jackson, Charles Markle, T. A. Van Wagner.

ON NOMINATIONS.—*Ministers*—H. V. S. Myers, A. De W. Mason, Gilbert Lane. *Elders*—John Wilson, P. Van Dyck, J. R. Gelderman.

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

A communication was received from the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, accrediting the Rev. Wm. J. R. Taylor, D.D., to present the interests of said Board before the Synod, and requesting a hearing for him. The Secretary also asked the attention of this Synod to a suggestion made in a paper read at the Missionary Conference of the Particular Synod of New Brunswick, in November last (an extract from which he enclosed in his letter), the substance of the suggestion being that the Sessions of Particular Synod be made the occasion also for Missionary Conferences.

The Secretary's letter was referred to the Committee of Arrangements; the enclosure on *Missionary Conferences* was referred to the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business.

A communication was received from the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Domestic Missions, stating that the Rev. Alfred H. Brush had been authorized by said Board to represent its interests at this meeting of Synod.

Referred to the Committee of Arrangements.

A communication was received from the Rev. Geo. S. Payson, Secretary of the Committee on Religion and Public Education, appointed by the Presbyterian Synod of the State of New York, accrediting the Rev. D. G. Wylie, Ph.D., and Elder Warner Van Norden to present the above subject before this Synod, and asking that a hearing be accorded to them.

Referred to the Committee of Arrangements.

A communication was received from the Rev. John K. Allen, the pastor of the First Reformed Church, of Tarrytown, N. Y., inviting the Synod, on behalf of himself and Consistory, to meet in this church at its Annual Session, in 1891.

On motion, this invitation was accepted with thanks.

ARTICLE IV.

GENERAL SYNOD.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Synodical Minutes respectfully beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the Minutes of the General Synod and the Minutes of the Particular Synods of Albany, Chicago, New Brunswick and New York, which have been referred to them.

On page 809 (Min. Gen. Syn., 1889), we find a recommendation that "each Particular Synod set a suitable time in advance for the full and earnest presentation of the great cause of evangelization, the work of the Church at home and abroad." We understand that this same matter is now also under consideration by the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business. We recommend that Synod take this matter in hand and make suitable arrangements therefor.

The attention of the various Classes of this Synod is called to the fact that this Synod is charged (page 874, Min. Gen. Syn., 1889) with entirely disregarding the direction of General Synod to enter contributions for "Schemes of the Church" in a separate column. It is hoped that this may be properly attended to.

Nothing else has been found to report for action by this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

ABEL H. HUIZINGA, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE V.

OTHER PARTICULAR SYNODS.

Copies of the Minutes of the Particular Synods of Albany, Chicago and New Brunswick, were received and referred to the Committee on Synodical Minutes.

ARTICLE VI.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE VII.

CLASSICAL REPORTS, OR STATE OF RELIGION.

The Committee on Classical Reports, or the State of Religion, reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on the State of Religion respectfully submit the following report: Reports have been received from all the Classes connected with this Synod, and these give indications of growth and prosperity in very many of the churches. The committee observe that all the reports are in proper form and present much relating to the various churches that is full of interest. The number of churches reported is 154, which is one less than last year, but the number of ministers is 190, and this marks an increase of five. There is also a larger number of families reported; the present report being 15,249, and the previous one 15,077.

A matter that is always of special interest, is the number of those who have been received as members of the Church, and here we have to report a slight decrease. There have been admitted on Confession of Faith, 1,674, or 18 less than last year, and by Certificate, 792, which is 190 less than the former report. In the total of communicants, however, there is a decided advance; the number at present being 30,197, and that of last year 29,519. It is pleasant to be able to report that the amount contributed for Benevolent Purposes is considerably in excess of what was given a year ago; in this report the amount is $156,130, while in the other it was $119,348. For Congregational Purposes, less has been contributed than last year, but this is partially accounted for by the sum of $40,000 raised by one of the Brooklyn churches, a year ago, in order to cancel a debt. Taking the reports together, there is great reason for thankfulness and encouragement. The general tone indicates peace and prosperity in most of the churches, and for this we render hearty thanks to the Great Head of the Church, Whose presence and blessing have been manifested among us.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED H. DEMAREST, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF ARCOT.

On March 2d, 1889, Isaac Lazar was ordained and installed as pastor over the churches in Kandiputtur and Sekadu, where we trust he will do well and receive the blessing of God. He was a member of the Catechist's Class, which has just finished a two years' course in our Theological Seminary, and is the first man ordained from that institution. We trust we shall be permitted to ordain many more in the future.

There is nothing of special interest to mention. All particulars appear in our Mission Report, which will be presented to Synod. So I need not repeat. Rev. J. W. Conklin is on his way to America in order to renew his health.

JOHN SCUDDER, *Stated Clerk.*

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.

Your committee would submit the following Classical Report:

The year has been marked by usual cultivation, growth and harvest. Two or three churches report more than usual ingathering. Several churches emphasize the work of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor. Some speak of the work of Missionary Societies as very helpful in the matter of benevolence.

We give the following extracts from the Reports:

First Claverack. The church on the whole has had a prosperous year. Although we have suffered much from the death and removal of some of our best people, yet we are able to report an accession large enough to make good the loss. The benevolent contributions are larger than for several years. This is partially due to special efforts made to raise the debt of the Foreign Board. The Sabbath morning services, although well attended in the Summer, have been somewhat neglected during the winter. It is a serious question whether "*the roads*" and "*the weather,*" which are the usual excuses given, afford sufficient ground for absence from this service, and whether a higher type of piety and deeper love for God's house would not triumph over these obstacles.

Second Claverack. Our church life, during the past year, has been specially marked by the prevalence of personal activity for the Master. The agencies through which our work has been accomplished have been the following:

Stated preaching of the Word twice each Sabbath, and pastoral work; two weekly church prayer-meetings; a young people's prayer-meeting, projected and made efficient largely through God's blessing on the labors and prayers of one of the young men of the church; a Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, recently organized, and now sustaining a promising prayer-meeting; two Sunday schools; a Woman's Missionary Society, auxiliary to both the Domestic and Foreign Boards of our Church; two bands of King's Daughters; a band of King's Sons, and a Ladies' Aid Society.

Gallatin. Six have been received on confession, and two on certificate. Some of the older members of our community have gone up higher. A beloved and highly esteemed ex-elder in June passed to the beyond. A few children have died. We are submissive to these strokes of chastisement, grateful for favors, both temporal and spiritual, vouchsafed, and decidedly hopeful for the future. While this church claims a watchcare of Classis, we feel sure Christ is caring for us. May we have a continued interest in your prayers, that our benevolence may increase, our beneficence abound, and, with others enjoying so many spiritual good things, we may abound in grace also.

Germantown. Church in prosperous condition. There is a Christian Endeavor Society of about eighty members, and two missionary societies have been organized during the year, a Home and Foreign, which are increasing in interest.

Greenport. Vacant. Statistics only.

Hudson. The marked events of our church history during the past year have been as follows: We have paid off our church indebtedness of about $4,000, and are glad to be entirely free from all burden of that kind. In October last, our efficient and beloved pastor, the Rev. William H. Gleason, D.D., was compelled to resign his pastorate on

account of ill-health. We have chosen another pastor, who has just begun his work. While we have been vacant, all the church services, both on the Sabbath and during the week, have been faithfully maintained and well attended. Within the past month, Consistory has lost one of its members, Judge John C. Newkirk, who might well have been called the father of the Consistory. We shall greatly miss him in prayer and in counsel, and in all the services of the church. While His servants pass from us, our Lord remains with us, and we enter the future hopefully looking to Him for direction and blessing.

Linlithgow. Our services are regularly held and usually well attended. Fifty-six have been added to the membership of the church during the past year. Six months ago a Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor was organized. We have now a membership of seventy-five, mostly active. These young people are thoroughly interested in their work. Their prayer-meetings, held Sunday evenings before regular services, are largely attended. The Ladies' Church Aid Society has during the year brought to successful completion a new parsonage. We think we can thankfully say of our church, it is in a prosperous condition.

Livingston at Linlithgo. Spiritual interest has been, by the blessing of God, on the increase. The attendance on public worship has been good throughout the Winter, notwithstanding the stormy weather and bad roads. The prayer-meetings have been well attended, with much interest manifested on the part of the unconverted. The Sunday school is doing exceedingly well, as many in attendance in the Winter as in the Summer; a few conversions from the school. We have organized a Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor. We have had in addition to the week of prayer, one week of extra meetings.

Upper Red Hook. The annual review of our work will not show any special changes from that of other years. Our organization seems quite complete, and the labor accomplished through it seems fairly effective. The financial strain of a year ago has been largely removed, and now the church can

breathe more easily. We have been reducing debts and salaries until we are now living within our income. The benevolent operations of the church have increased somewhat over the previous year, and we have reason to rejoice that the spirit of self-denial and consecration has improved the attendance upon all the services of the church, and also the spirituality of the members. We believe the promise of God. They that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength.

West Copake. We report thanksgiving to God for the past, and faith in God for the future. In spite of numerous obstacles, great things have been done here, signal events have occurred, all instigated and conducted, we are satisfied, by Heaven. Bare figures cannot convey our standing. Spiritual principles and wise methods have been slowly imparted, which have already borne fruit. Our life is no surface life, is above modern and pernicious customs, and while it may be in many respects a conservative force, its effects are true and lasting. Respecting items we remark, our Sunday school continues to be the church nursery. When prayer-meetings are held they are spiritual and helpful. The same close attention is given the preached Word, reverence is in God's temple, and spiritual thoughtfulness is common.

Ministerial Changes. The following members of Classis have been dismissed during the year: Rev. Thomas S. Dusinberre, to the Classis of Paramus; Rev. William H. Gleason, D.D., to the Classis of New York; Rev. William Veenschoten, to the Presbytery of Steuben; Rev. I. P. Emerick, to the Classis of Ulster. The following ministers have been received: Rev. Jonah W. Vaughan, from the Classis of Cayuga, and installed pastor of the Church of Linlithgow; Rev. John H. Wyckoff, from the South Florida Presbytery, and installed pastor of the First Reformed Church of Claverack; Rev. William W. Whitney, from the Classis of Montgomery, and installed pastor of the Church of Livingston at Linlithgo; Rev. Ferdinand S. Schenck, from the Classis of Orange, and installed pastor of the Hudson Reformed Church.

B. A. BARTHOLF, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.

The Committee on the State of Religion beg leave to make the following Report:

Statistical reports have been received with commendable promptness from all the churches of the Classis but two, viz: Dashville Falls and Lyonsville. These reports have been accompanied by additional statements as to the spiritual life of the church. In comparing the year with the one previous, we find that there has been a growth of forty families and that the church roll has been increased by the actual gain of ninety members. While 243 precious souls have, during the year, confessed Christ before the world. There is also a slight gain in the benevolent contributions in the churches that have sent in their reports. Your committee would note that no church speaks of any unusual manifestation of the Spirit of God, but quiet, steady advance all along the line. Some four or five Christian Endeavor Societies have been founded during the year, and their success shows the efficiency of this agency in training the young disciple to labor "for Christ and His Church."

The churches speak as follows:

Bloomingdale presents a most encouraging report. The means of grace have been well attended, the membership increased and the spirit of benevolence advancing. A Christian Endeavor Society is about to be organized. We regret to report the dissolution of the pastoral relation when all seems so prosperous; but the hope is entertained of soon securing a pastor to carry on the work so hopefully begun.

The Clove reports a year of prosperity. No communion has passed but that some one has made our church their church home. The report speaks of successful work done by the Sabbath schools, the Christian Endeavor Societies and the Ladies' Missionary Society. A series of Illustrated Sermons has been used at High Falls to the interest and, we trust, profit of large audiences. The Alligerville portion of the congregation is in a better financial condition than it has been for a long time.

Dashville Falls. No report.

Guilford. The pastor writes: "Temporally God has blessed and has smiled somewhat upon us spiritually. We pray and hope that God will be with us more abundantly in time to come."

Hurley. The usual services on Sabbath for the year, together with the prayer-meetings of the church, have all been well maintained. The Sabbath school has been sustained throughout the year, and great interest has been shown by teacher and taught in receiving and imparting instruction. There is also an advance seen in the benevolent contributions of the church. The report closes as follows: "We labor in hope that upon us God's blessing will largely descend, and that the prayers of Christians will be speedily answered."

Kingston. The Fair Street Church has nothing special to report. It notes the organization of a Y. P. S. C. E., also improvements both on the church and parsonage. The report concludes: "We look to the Great Head of the Church for His continued blessing."

Krumville explains why she has not been as benevolent as heretofore; all that can be raised is needed for self-preservation. Two have united with the church during the year. "We pray the Lord of the vineyard to remember us graciously in the future."

Lyonsville. No report.

Marbletown. The report notes the following facts: Loss by death of four members of prominence and usefulness; the establishment and successful working of a Christian Endeavor Society, the benevolence of which goes to the support of the Arabian Mission; the connection of the Ladies' Aid Society with the Boards of the Church; and the selling of the old parsonage and the erection of a new one in the village. "On all our work we have sought and continue to seek the blessing of God, and trust that many may be led to Christ during the year before us."

North Marbletown also makes mention of the loss by death

of useful and active members, yet there has been a gain in the church roll. The interior of the church has had some improvements added and others are in contemplation. Aside from these improvements, made by the young people, "a deeper *spiritual* interest is manifested," and the hope prevails that the banding together of the young will result in the ingathering of souls for Christ.

New Paltz. This is our banner church as regards addition of members and benevolent contributions. Though there has been a large addition to the membership, there has been no unusual manifestation of the Spirit of God. The growth has been quiet and healthy. The church "thanks God for all His mercies in the past, and prays for still greater blessings in the future."

Rochester has nothing of unusual interest to report. "We rejoice that we have so many tokens of God's loving power, and therein do we find incentives for renewed activity and a more thorough consecration to the Master's service."

Rosendale "still holds its own. An interest in religious life, manifesting itself in church and prayer-meeting attendance, is being developed." Owing to the demands made for the financial work of the church, the appeals for help from the Boards cannot be responded to as they would like.

St. Remy. The report from St. Remy is a joyous one. Special services have been held during the year, carried on part of the time by an evangelist. A large number have been gathered into the church especially from the Sabbath school. The church intends to care for her young disciples by a Society of Christian Endeavor which has recently been founded. There has been an advance also made in the benevolent work of the church.

The following ministerial change has occurred: F. M. Bogardus has been dismissed, April 8th, 1890, to the Classis of Westchester.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN HAGEMAN, *Chairman.*

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

The Committee on the State of Religion respectfully submits the following Report:

Reports from all the churches of the Classis have been received. The additions to the churches on confession have exceeded by fifteen those of the previous year. In none has there been a deep revival interest, but the tone of all the reports is hopeful, and some of them are full of expressions of gratitude for the results of the year.

The net increase in membership is very small, eleven only. There is a very gratifying increase in the benevolent gifts of the churches over the previous year. There are indications of growth and activity in the fact that new church buildings are being erected and old ones repaired and beautified. The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor is in many of our churches an efficient aid to church work, and it is a hopeful sign that the younger members of our churches are taking a deeper interest and a more active participation in the work of the Church—and while there has not been that growth in membership, which we ought to expect from so many agencies of Christian work, we may well be grateful for the results of the year in increased spiritual life and activity, and hopefully anticipate larger growth in the year to come.

We call attention to the following summary taken from the reports of the churches:

Jamaica. From this church comes an inspiring report. "Its various societies—the Ladies' Missionary Society, with its three auxiliaries among the children, the two Sunday schools, the Steady Gleaners and the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, have all had a busy year, and each has rendered efficient aid in making the past twelve months a period of notable activity and signal blessing. Special evidences of the Lord's presence and power have been witnessed in connection with the Society of Christian Endeavor, and the benevolence of the church, whose amount is double that of the year previous, and greater than in any year of the church's history."

Newtown. The report from this church says that "the

past year has been one of peculiar trial and blessing. For a period of some months our beloved pastor was laid aside by sore illness, but the Lord was better to us than our fears. In His great mercy and loving kindness to him and to us, He has restored him to health, and permitted him again to enter upon the discharge of his duties." The church chapel and the Hope Mission chapel, at Winfield, have been repaired and beautified during the year. The benevolent contributions have increased, and the Sunday schools have continued to prosper. A revised roll makes the reported membership of the church less than heretofore.

Oyster Bay. The church of Oyster Bay is in a community where there is no influx of inhabitants and few changes, and there have been no marked results in size or character of the congregation. It is anticipated that the Christian Endeavor Society will become an aid in the development of Christian growth and activity.

North Hempstead. This church "renders thanks to God for the blessings of the year just closed. The religious interest has been and now is commendable. The growth in membership has been steady, healthful and living, assuring us of the presence of the Holy Spirit."

Williamsburgh. The report from this church notices the fact that, notwithstanding the removal of many families connected with the church from that part of the city, there has been no decrease in the membership of the church, or in the congregation. The subscriptions for the debt of the church have been paid in large degree, although not due until July, and only about $9,000 of the entire amount of $52,000 remains unpaid. Since the 1st of January the interest in distinctly religious work has manifestly quickened and the spirit of inquiry is evident.

Astoria. "This church is thankful to report the completion of its new house of worship, and the possession of a property worth $40,000, practically paid for." An increasing interest in several departments of the church's life is noted, especially among the women of the church. The

formation of a "visiting corps" has been a new and valuable feature of their work. At Steinway a fine new building is being constructed for the accommodation of worshippers, and the enterprise promises much.

Flushing. The report says: "The church has enjoyed a fair degree of prosperity. Additions to the membership have not been so many as in former years, but the Sunday school was never larger and the Society of Christian Endeavor is developing new talents in the interests of the church."

Greenpoint. The report from this church indicates growth and Christian activity. Each communion season has witnessed additions to the church, and at the March communion twenty-six were received on confession of faith. The church and Mission and industrial schools have prospered. The Missionary Society has increased in membership and efficiency. The young people are of great help, not only through the Christian Endeavor Society, but in all the departments of the church's work. A Young Men's League for Bible Study, for Christian work and worship, has lately been organized.

South Bushwick. There is the gratifying statement in the report from this church, that "everything progresses pleasantly with us." $3,600 have been paid on the church debt during the year. The church attendance has been good and the Sunday school has been overcrowded, so that there may be a necessity for enlarging the already large building. While there has been no special spiritual interest, there has been a steady growth. A Missionary Society has been formed and an increased interest in Mission work has developed.

Second Astoria. This church reports that its church edifice has been enlarged and beautified at a cost of $8,000, two-thirds of which has already been paid for. The Sunday school, with its increased accommodations, is in a flourishing condition and doing effective work. The Ladies' Aid Society has been of great help in the work of the church.

East Williamsburgh. Regular services have been held

every Sabbath conducted by a theological student whose contemplated graduation from the seminary and removal will be a serious loss to the church. The weekly meetings and Sunday school have been maintained and officers and teachers have been faithful.

Queens. The report from this church speaks of an increased attendance on the services of the church, especially Sunday evenings, and of the fact that those heretofore unaccustomed to take part in the prayer-meetings are now assisting actively in these meetings. A Bible class for men and a boys' society conducted by the pastor are accomplishing good results. There has been an increase in Sunday school attendance, and contributions for benevolence were from thirty-five to forty per cent. larger than the previous year, and at the same time there was an increase in the regular receipts for congregational purposes.

German Evangelical, Brooklyn. This church rejoices in the fact that its church debt is paid, and a thanksgiving service was held, March 16th, to celebrate the event. The membership has increased during the year by sixty-five additions, and a deep religious interest is manifest. The two Sunday schools, an English and a German one, are prosperous, and the societies connected with the church, the Ladies' Society, the Young People's Association, the Helping Hands and Mission Society, are doing good work.

Sayville. Only statistics given.

Locust Valley. "This church gives signs of increased vigor and usefulness. The audiences have preceptibly increased. The Sabbath school is also much larger, and the contributions for the past year have been more than we anticipated." A Society of Christian Endeavor recently organized gives promise of much usefulness.

College Point. This church sends an encouraging report —every communion season brought new members into the Church. The church services have been usually well attended and with a large number of young people. The contributions for benevolence have increased, and the financial year closes

with a balance in the treasury. The Sunday school, with a largely increased attendance. and the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, lately organized, are educating the young people for Christian work, and the "earnest workers" are enlarging their work among the poor. The Report closes: "Our people feel that the church never was in a more prosperous condition, and throughout the whole congregation there is a deep feeling of gratitude to God."

First, Long Island City. The report from this church bears record of growth and increased devotion on the part of its members to the interests of the church. The Sabbath school work is very encouraging, both in a manifested spirit of consecration on the part of officers and teachers, and in attendance upon the services of the school and church by the pupils. A Society of Christian Endeavor lately organized proves helpful, and it has undertaken to raise $100 to remove mortgage from the parsonage. "The cause of Missions has a strong hold upon our people, and growth in the grace of giving is a marked feature of our prosperity."

Bushwick. This church reports a year of varied experiences; but the various departments are now fully organized and a devoted band of workers are pushing forward the Lord's work. The meetings are well attended, and a deep spiritual interest characterizes every service. At the Easter service thirty-one united with the Church on confession, nineteen of whom were from the Sunday school.

German Evangelist, Jamaica. This church reports that a new chapel has been built, and nearly $1,000 have been given by the people for it. A debt of $500 remains, which it is hoped soon to cancel. The Ladies' Society are repairing and decorating the church, for which expenditure $400 are on hand. There has been an increased attendance on the Sabbath services and Sunday school.

Jericho. "This is simply a preaching station, with no prospects at present of its ever becoming a self-supporting church."

Hicksville. This church reports a steady growth. A

King's Daughters Society has been formed, and this, with the Ladies' Aid and Christian Endeavor Society, are doing good work. The Sunday school has outgrown its accommodations and needs more room. A site for a new church building has been purchased, and some money is in hand to begin the work, but $3,000 are still wanting. The report urges the need of help in raising this money for building the church in a community which is rapidly growing, and which will be for the advancement of the cause of Christ and of our own denomination.

The ministerial changes during the year are the dissolution of the pastoral relation of the Rev. J. S. Crousaz and the church at Sayville, Sept. 9th, 1889. The pastoral relation of the Rev. Oliver E. Cobb and the Church of Flushing was dissolved, April 15th, 1890, to take effect May 1st, 1890. The Rev. M. T. Schoonmaker, D.D., was received from the Classis of Orange, April 15th, 1890.

The statistical table is appended.

Respectfully submitted,

LEWIS FRANCIS,
JOHN C. GUENTHER.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

The South Classis of Long Island comes again to the close of an ecclesiastical year with grateful reverence and love toward the Head of the Church for guidance and continued peace.

Decided gains are marked in many of the churches, and larger congregations reported for the hearing of the Word. Religious quickening and a spirit of revival have been graciously granted to some of the pastors. Others, none the less faithful, can only steadily maintain their loyal service to God, and look for the showers of Heavenly grace. The Boards of the Church have been benevolently recognized by almost all our congregations. Several flocks are shepherdless and deserve the prayerful sympathy and co-operation of the Classis in speedily securing worthy pastors. The outlook in

several fields, that but a brief time since seemed well nigh hopeless, has changed and new possibilities are coming into sight.

The *Bedford Church*, under the leadership of Brother H. C. Berg, has effected a transition that is full of promise. The pastor says: "The work of the past year has been largely preparatory. We thank God that our vineyard is getting into condition for fruitfulness in all the years to come. With His blessing we go hopefully forward to meet it and Him."

The *Twelfth Street Church* rehearses the most notable gains. The fascinating service of cremating a mortgage has been recently held there. A resonant note pervades their statement of experiences and prospects. "With devout and grateful thanksgiving we record the goodness of God. While no special revival services have been held, yet the faithful preaching of the truth has been greatly blessed, and our hearts made glad by the ingathering of precious souls at each communion service. We began the year heavily burdened with debt, but, stimulated by a large offer from a friend, the church, through all its organizations, made a determined effort, and has entirely cancelled all claims against it. This involved the raising of over $25,000 for church and congregational purposes for the year ending April 1st. We begin the new year rededicating ourselves to the work which the Master has given us to do." The pastor, Rev. John E. Lloyd, and the noble people of his charge, deserve the heartiest commendation from this Classis.

The *New Brooklyn Church*, during the past year, has built a new and commodious edifice on the site of its old building, thus bearing very tangible testimony to the efficiency and prosperity of its life and work. The possession and occupancy of its new home seems to have given a fresh impetus to all the energies and efforts of this church. As the pastor, Rev. Jacob Weber, says: "There is new activity in all the different organized branches of the church work. * * * We are growing in numbers, influence and financial ability."

Similar tidings of encouraging progress in things temporal

or spiritual come up from many of our churches as indicated in following brief extracts from their annual reports :

The *First Church of Brooklyn* is still pastorless. They have, however, finished and are occupying, with a constantly increasing Sunday school and growing audiences at their church services, their new and elegant chapel, and during the year have laid the corner-stone of the main church edifice, which is now in course of construction.

The *Centennial Chapel* has for some months been regularly ministered to by the Rev. A. P. Stockwell, and is prospering under his care.

The *Church of Flatbush* has been active in every good word and work and has not failed to receive the reward of her faithful labor. A noteworthy occurrence in the experience of this people during the year just closed, has been the adorning of their venerable church building by no less than twenty memorial windows of rare and beautiful designs —many of them commemorating families long connected with this ancient parish, whose interest in and affection for the spiritual house of their fathers will thus be confirmed and increased.

The *Flatbush Mission*, of the Church of Flatbush, under its young and energetic pastor, is making rapid advances. We note the holding of three several prayer-meetings at different times during the week, as an evidence of abundant spiritual life, and the employment of many different methods of reaching the non-church-going population which surrounds the chapel, as a mark of the cherishing of an evangelizing spirit of this people which is to be commended.

The *Church of New Utrecht* reports a steady growth. "There has been great activity in all the Missionary Societies of the congregation, and through these and other agencies, frequent and very liberal offerings have been made to the Boards of the Church and other benevolent objects." Increased effort on the part of this church to supply the spiritual needs of the rapidly growing populations on the outskirts of her parish, is also to be remarked.

The *Church of Gravesend* reports no special interest, but a hopeful spirit and an encouraging outlook.

The *Church of Flatlands* sends a cheering report. During the year she has imitated the worthy example of several of her sister churches in remodeling and refitting her church building, which she has re-entered under circumstances favorable to renewed life and growth. While thus caring for their own interests, this people have not forgotten the interests of others, as is very satisfactorily testified by an increase of $200 in her benevolent offerings over the amount so given last year.

The *Church of New Lots* is sharing in the rapid growth of the community around her. A gain of *twenty-three* members, over and above all losses by removal and death, rejoices the heart of pastor and people. That growth in grace tends also to growth in liberality is testified by the addition to the benevolent contributions of this church of nearly $400 more than she gave last year.

The *Church of East New York* has had a year of special and healthful growth. Many of the former members of the church and congregation have resumed their attendance, and many more have been added to her number from those that are without. A season of refreshing has been enjoyed, in company with neighboring churches, and has resulted in the development of all the interests of the congregation. The benevolent gifts of this church are considerably more than those of last year.

The *South Church* reports the raising of some $900 toward the cancellation of her debt, which is thus reduced by nearly one-third. All the interests of this church are healthfully and steadily developing.

The *North Church* being without a pastor sends only its statistical report.

The *Church-on-the-Heights* "has passed out into larger possibilities with congregation trebled and a deepening religious interest. There is every reason," says the pastor, "for the best cheer in regard to this part of God's vineyard."

Bethany Chapel, under its new pastor, the Rev. Edgar Tilton, is again increasing in numbers and liberality.

The *Second Reformed Church (German) of Flatbush* has been very recently and sorely afflicted by the death of its faithful pastor, Rev. Carl Scholz, and his place has not yet been supplied. They, therefore, send only their statistical report.

The *Church of Canarsie* rejoices in view of multiplied additions to their church and Sunday school and the general hopefulness and activity attending the settlement of their new pastor, Rev. Nathaniel Nicolai.

The *Church of St. Thomas* (W. I.) laments "the want of a general spiritual quickening among professors, and of a coming up to the help of the Lord against the mighty, which is their privilege and duty," and is also troubled "over an embarrassed condition of her finances, consequent upon deaths and removals from the congregation." Encouragement however is found in the fact that some have been added to the church during the past year. The prayer-meeting only recently organized among us has also been well sustained, and, in addition to meeting the current expenses, $300 have been paid upon the church debt which is thus reduced to a small amount.

Ocean Hill Church, the youngest member of our Classical sisterhood, "assures Classis that the hearts of her people are full of joy and hopefulness over their present state and future prospects. The audiences at divine service, prayer-meetings and Sunday school exercises, are constantly growing and a healthful and helpful spirit pervades all the church activities."

Thus our report closes, as it began, with words of gratitude and courage. That "the blessing of the Lord, which maketh rich and addeth no sorrow therewith," may be abundantly multiplied to all our churches and their pastors, will be our constant and earnest prayer.

The ministerial changes of the year have been as follows:

The student, Edgar Tilton, Jr., was licensed to preach the

Gospel, on May 28th, 1889. On September 23d of the same year he was examined for ordination, and on September 25th was ordained by the Classis to the work of the Gospel ministry and installed as pastor of Bethany Chapel. The licentiate, Nathaniel Nicolai, was received from the Classis of New Brunswick and examined for ordination March 4th, 1890, and on the 16th of the same month, was ordained to the Gospel ministry and installed over the Church of Canarsie.

On ————————, the Rev. Chas. B. Chapin was dismissed to the Presbytery of New York, and on November 14th, 1889, the Rev. Frederick Schlieder was released from the pastorate of the Church of Canarsie and dismissed to the Classis of Montgomery. The pastoral relation between the North Reformed Church and the Rev. Wm. D. Perry was dissolved by Classis on November 14th, 1889.

There have also been removed from our number, by death during the year, two of our brethren. To the loved and venerated Father in Christ, the Rev. Jacob West, D.D., at the time of his death the oldest member of our Classis, the call came suddenly, but found him "ready to depart and be with Christ." He died February, 1890. The Rev. Carl Scholz, the faithful and successful pastor of the Church of Second Flatbush, was summoned to lay aside his earthly work on March 1st, 1890.

From each of these brethren the warning comes that we are to be careful not how long but how we live, seeing that soon, at the longest, we must be ready to be judged according to the things done in the body, and to receive the just reward of either faithful or faithless service.

Respectfully submitted,

WESLEY REID DAVIS, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

Consistorial reports have been received from all the churches connected with the Classis, with one exception, the German Evangelical, of Yorkville. In nearly every case there are evidences of growth and prosperity, and where there is little in the way of encouragement the peculiar difficulties are well known to the members of this body. During

the past year there have been added to the various churches 724 communicants, 230 of these by certificate and 494 upon confession of their faith, and while this is a smaller number than was reported a year ago, it represents a net gain in membership of 385. It is gratifying to observe a decided increase in the amount contributed for benevolent purposes, which is one of the best indications of interest and activity in the Redeemer's Kingdom. Last year the offerings under this head were $63,935, and this year they amount to $78,168, a gain of $14,233. The advance in this direction is no doubt largely due to the organized efforts which now prevail so widely, and to which frequent reference has been made in the words that accompany the statistical tables. Nearly all the churches have contributed to all the benevolent boards of our denomination. Another sign of interest and growth is to be found in the fact that the contributions for congregational purposes are considerably in excess of last year's report; the amount then being $80,163, while now it is $110,074, or more than $29,900 in advance.

When the reports of the different congregations are studied and compared. we find great reason for gratitude in what has been accomplished, and ground for expecting better things in the time to come. The condition of affairs is not discouraging but rather bright and hopeful, for though in two or three cases the outlook is not so cheering at present as it might be, in many others there is more of activity and prosperity than ever before.

The Collegiate Church reports as follows: "The work of the church has been prosecuted during the past year without material change. We deplore the continued vacancy in the Twenty-ninth street pulpit. Earnest and repeated efforts have been made to fill it, but the Lord has not inclined the hearts of those on whom our choice has fallen to accept our call. We hope and pray that the place may soon be suitably filled, and this important church restored to its former efficiency. The activity and prosperity of our chapels are highly encouraging and we note in them a gratifying improvement in the grace of liberality. The benevolent contributions of the church will be seen to be nearly $6,000 in advance of those of the pevious year; a special offering of over $4,000 having been

made toward the reduction of the debt of the Board of Foreign Missions."

The Harlem Collegiate sends these words: "God's blessing is still upon our church as witnessed by the ingathering of a large number of precious souls during the past year. The ministerial work has been faithful and earnest; opportunity has been presented at all the services for any to come, on profession or by letter, to meet the pastor and elders. The good influence of this method of invitation is shown by the fact of admissions on profession and by letter at each communion service, which occurs every two months during the year. The progress of the Sabbath school continues in marked degree both in numbers and spiritual influence; the efficient and faithful labor of officers and teachers being shown by the increased number graduating into the church. The devotional meetings of the church are very largely attended and made interesting and profitable to all, by reason of the previous announcement of the subject, and the large number taking part in them as they are moved by the Holy Spirit."

The South Church. "We have run along in our usual quiet way. Losing some good people by their removal to the upper parts of the city, and more by their removal to the upper home of God's children. We have neither gained nor lost in strength, but have gained a little in spiritual power."

Manor Chapel (South Church) writes encouragingly: "Our work has gone steadily forward, all the departments of the church, school and Young People's Societies, showing most gratifying interest. At every communion there have been applicants for admission on confession or by letter. The Sunday school has increased in numbers and now crowds our chapel to the very doors. The Boys' Club has over 600 regular members. The Young Men's League has prospered, and most excellent prayer-meetings have been held during the year, with average good attendance. Six or eight of the young men are capable and willing to lead the meeting, and one has learned to lead nicely at the organ. A parish paper is also published every two months by the young men. The missionary interest has been very marked, one of our socie-

ties, composed of poor mothers, having raised this year $200. The King's Daughters have been very active in good works among our poor, and in sending a box to a hospital in China. By means of a fair held in the South lecture room, $231 was raised to provide suitable rooms for our Young People's Society. The interest in the church service has been excellent, and while the accessions are not so many as last year, a large number are on the very threshold of the Church, and will soon be welcomed to the fold."

Staten Island reports: "The last year has been one of prosperity. Our contributions, both for benevolent and for congregational purposes, show an increase. Both Sabbath schools are flourishing and are doing an excellent work."

Bloomingdale. "The attendance at all the services of the church is large, and the members are active. We recently had twenty-six accessions, and are enjoying a good degree of financial prosperity. Many are intending to unite with us at our next communion. The Lord is with us, and abundantly blessing us."

Madison Avenue. "In presenting our annual report of church work, we have special cause for gratitude to our Heavenly Father for his continued goodness to us as a church. The various departments of church, Mission and benevolent work, have been continued, the Sabbath services are largely attended, a deep religious feeling seems to prevail throughout the congregation and at each communion additions are made to the membership of the Church from the world. It seems as if God is overshadowing us with the Holy Spirit's power and especially has this been manifest during the Winter, so that at our next communion, near at hand, there will be a goodly number who will confess Christ and sit with us at the Lord's Table. Our prayer-meeting, under the leadership of our pastor, is large and under the influence of the Divine Spirit is a great power for good in the church. The Sunday school of the church continues to do a good work, and from it some have come to confess Christ, thus encouraging those who labor there. The women of the church are actively engaged in their branch of Foreign and Home Missions. The

Young Ladies' Guild have done more and better work than in the past. A grand work for Christ is being done in the Mission school. It is larger than ever and we have received into the Church a number of scholars, with some of their parents. Every Sabbath evening service is held in our Mission building, 440 East 57th street, also a prayer-meeting every Tuesday evening. Both of these meetings are largely attended and are full of spiritual interest, and we know that under God they have been a great blessing to those who attend. Those who labor in this part of our work have great cause to be thankful to God. Through the mothers' meeting we are able to exert a good influence upon them by bringing them under religious instruction. Recently our Consistory decided to hold a communion service in the afternoon of each communion Sabbath at the Mission, and did so for the first time at our last communion season. Another important branch of our Mission work is the Working Girls' Club, now numbering about 300 members. They are of all nationalities and creeds, and the instruction they receive is such as will fit them to be useful women and a blessing to others. Of the Day Nursery we can say we think it one of the most useful and Christ-like charities it is possible for Christian women to engage in. We care for thirty to forty children every day except Sunday, while the mothers go and earn their daily bread. We have also a large industrial school well equipped for its work."

Thirty-fourth Street sends the following report: "We have not very much to add by way of remark. The pastor is very happy in returning to his old field of labor and the people have received him very cordially. The church gives new signs of life. At the late communion, in March, we received eighteen new members, twelve of them on confession of their faith, and the indications are there will be more to follow. The Sabbath school is increasing in numbers and interest. The congregation is growing and the prayer-meetings are well attended and full of life. The Young People's Association has been developed into a Society of Christian Endeavor and gives promise of great usefulness. There is progress all along the line. Our hope is in God and our fervent prayer is that He will give us His rich blessing."

German Evangelical Mission reports: "There has been very little change in the spiritual condition of our church since last year's report. Quite a number of our older members have been removed by death, while only a few have come forward to fill their places. Our Sabbath morning service is usually attended by the members, many of whom reside at a distance from the church and quite a number beyond the limits of the city. These we cannot expect at our evening meetings, which are, therefore, comparatively slim. In general benevolence we have exceeded the measure of former reports, but in contributions for the Boards of the Church we have fallen short. In consequence of great distress in a Mission field in India, where one of our own members is stationed, a cry for help came to us, which so touched the hearts of our people that they contributed $107, and thereby relieved the sufferers. In addition to this special gift, we were obliged to fall back on our treasury for Missions in order to meet the salary of our missionary, whom we have this year appointed for the congregation. We found that we were losing ground by not sufficiently following up the children in our Sabbath school and trying to reach, through them, their parents, as well as those who occasionally drop in and worship with us. Our desire is with God's help to gather in those who go astray and have no Church home. If we meet with success in replenishing the Church, we will soon make up our short comings as regards our Church Boards. There is a good feeling and a hearty willingness in the Church to work and to give for the cause of Christ's Kingdom. May God in His mercy add the increase."

Huguenots, Staten Island. "We have maintained the church service and also a Sabbath school without intermission during the year. The membership of the Sunday school is eighty, with an average attendance of forty-five. The attendance at church service is about 100, with an average of sixty, and we have twenty-seven members, exclusive of twelve on the retired list. Our stated supply, Mr. W. T. E. Adams, of the Theological Seminary, at New Brunswick, N. J., has preached for us very acceptably and we esteem his services highly. The church building is in good repair and there is no debt upon it. Our contributions to the Board of

the Church amount to $62, and we have raised for congregational purposes $467, making our income for the year $529. The ladies have organized a society and this year raised $238, with which they provided a platform and desk instead of the original pulpit and carpeted the church throughout. We are thankful for the $200 donated to us by the Board of Domestic Missions, and we respectfully request the Class to recommend us to them for the continuance of this amount for another year."

St. Paul's, Mott Haven. "The number of members reported does not include those who left our church to form the independent church referred to in our last annual report. Their names have been placed on a separate list, as there seemed to be no prospect of their returning to us, and we were in doubt as to the proper course in regard to them. During the past year the pulpit has been regularly supplied and all the services continued. Our church united with other churches in the neighborhood during the week of prayer. The Consistory and people have agreed upon the selection of a minister and the formal call will shortly be presented to the Classis.

Union, High Bridge, reports as follows: "The work in all its aspects continues to be very encouraging in this field. The members of the congregation are in full sympathy with one another and firmly united in a common effort to maintain and extend the church and all its operations. We have just had the sorrow of parting with our pastor, Rev. D. H. Martin, who accepted a call to the Clinton Avenue Reformed Church, Newark, N. J., but we feel that the Great Head of the Church is with us and will watch over and protect any interests that are His own. A Christian Endeavor Society was organized a few months ago, and the interest of the young people in it is one of the indications of much spiritual warmth in our church."

Fourth German reports: "In addition to the statistics given, the Consistory feels constrained to acknowledge the Divine goodness and grace during the past year. The attendance at the services of the church has been steady, and

marked by a spirit of close attention to the Word preached. Besides, we have every reason to believe that souls have been converted and passed from darkness into light. The Sunday school is still doing a good work among the children of the congregation and also among those outside. The Society of Christian Endeavor has evinced a spirit of greater earnestness than ever before, and proved a great help to pastor and people. The Ladies' Society, as usual, has assisted the congregation in its external affairs and needs. Thus we look forward with the firm conviction that the Lord will graciously bless us still more in the future."

Prospect Hill "respectfully reports that a morning service has been maintained every Lord's Day during the year, with Sabbath school and week evening meetings. This church had been compelled for about two years and a half to meet, at great inconvenience, in hired halls, until last October when it removed to a modest building, which, after careful consideration, had been erected on its property at the corner of Park Avenue and Eighty-ninth Street. This building has been nearly paid for, but this has been accomplished only by reducing expenditures to the mere cost of sexton's services and of lights and fires. By this change something has been gained, while yet many very great difficulties remain, and under their pressure we beg, as we have already begged, the good counsel of Classis."

Holland Church sends only the statistical report, from which we learn that the church has a membership of forty-four, and has contributed to all the Boards during the past year.

Avenue B, German Evangelical. "We have cause to be thankful to the Great Head of the Church. The past year has been one of encouragement and the Holy Spirit has manifested His influence visibly among our people. We have received a goodly number on confession of their faith, and both the Sabbath services and the weekly meetings have been well attended. The Sabbath school is in a prosperous condition and our people are doing a good work for the Master."

Brighton Heights. "The general interest in the matters

of the church has been excellent, with a growing concern and promise of good things to come."

Union, Sixth Avenue, sends word: "As will be seen by comparing this report with preceding ones, the figures, except in the finance column, show a falling off. The cause of this is not with the church membership. No more courageous, earnest set of workers can be found than the Sixth Avenue Church possesses, as the past history shows. The cause is threefold; death, especially among members who paid liberally for the support of the church; emigration, and especially church location and church building. Any church in the Ninth Ward is preferred to ours, because it savors more of merchandise than religion. In two years' work we have added scarcely one family permanently to the church. It is a wonder that we exist. The secret of our financial success is the adoption of the envelope plan of giving in the place of pew rentals."

German, Norfolk Street, reports: "The Lord has prospered us in the past year. Through His rich blessing we were enabled to repair our church edifice, internally, at a cost of more than $1,000. Our contributions for religious and benevolent purposes have increased nearly 100 per cent. The meetings have been well attended, and the presence of the Holy Spirit felt on more than one occasion. Death has removed more of our members this year than at any time during the present ministry, and quite a number have removed to locations too far distant to enable them to attend the services regularly, and they may eventually be dismissed to other churches. Still, we take cheer, and look with trust to the Giver of every good and perfect gift, knowing that our work is not in vain in the Lord."

Kreischerville. "Our regular church services have been held without interruption through the year, though the attendance might have been better. We have remembered all the Boards in all collections, and we could not do better, because the people are poor, and the amount raised is mostly needed for current expenses. Our Elder, Mr. E. B. Kreischer, has done a great deal for our church during the year. The attendance at the Sunday school has grown from an

average of sixty to an average of 100. May the Great Head of the Church grant us His guidance and blessing."

Grace reports: "The church has grown quietly and naturally. At every communion season there have been several additions. Except during the summer months, there have been either religious or social gatherings every evening. Two prayer-meetings have been held weekly. The church is well organized for Christian work. Six societies, meeting either weekly or fortnightly, have been successfully maintained. Grace Church *Tidings* has been issued monthly. A new building, twenty-six by ninety-two feet, adjoining the church, has been erected by the corporation of the Collegiate Church, at a cost of over $12,000, and completely furnished at a cost of $1,500 by a lady of the Reformed Church, for the work of schools and societies. With this new addition there is a bright outlook before us."

Hamilton Grange. "This is really our first Annual Report. We are sixteen months and ten days old. During the year the Lord has been gracious to our infant church, in giving us increase in membership and in the Sunday school. We have made a beginning of systematic benevolent contributions and hope to materially increase the amounts year by year. Sickness seriously crippled the activities of the church during the months when the greatest results from church work are looked for. We pray that God's blessing may still be granted to us."

The following ministerial changes have taken place during the year: April 16th, 1889, the Rev. David Junor was dismissed to the Presbytery of Brooklyn, to become pastor of a Presbyterian church in that city. May 31st, John F. Hooper, a suspended member of Classis, after being brought to trial upon the charges of lying and contumacy and found guilty, was deposed from the Gospel ministry. September 1st, the Rev. Carlos Martyn closed his pastorate at the Bloomingdale Reformed Church, and on March 10, 1890, was dismissed to the Classis, of Newark, to become the pastor of the First Reformed Church of Newark, N. J. September 9th, the Rev. Benjamin E. Dickhaut closed his labors at

Dewitt Chapel and was dismissed to the Classis of Poughkeepsie, to become pastor of the Reformed Church at Fishkill Village, N. Y. October 15th, Dr. William Ormiston was dismissed to the Presbytery of Los Angeles, to become pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Passadena, California. On the same date, the Rev. Madison C. Peters was received from the Presbytery of Philadelphia (Central), and in November was installed pastor of the Bloomingdale Reformed Church, N. Y. City. January 27th, 1890, the Rev. A. J. Sullivan was received from the New London Association of Congregational Ministers. On the same date, the Rev. Peter Stryker, D.D., was received from the Presbytery of Saint Paul, and on Feb. 18th, was installed pastor of the Thirty-fourth Street Church. The licentiate, L. R. Scudder, was dismissed to the Classis of Arcot, India, within whose bounds he is laboring as a medical missionary. March 10th, the Rev. Daniel H. Martin was dismissed to the Classis of Newark, to become pastor of the Clinton Avenue Reformed Church, Newark, N. J., and his pastorate with the High Bridge Reformed Church closed April 1st, 1890. On the same date, the Rev. W. J. R. Taylor, D.D., became a member of the Classis, on presenting a letter of dismission from the Classis of Newark. October 15th, Mr. E. H. Cotton was received as a licentiate under the care of Classis.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED H. DEMAREST, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.

A report, complete as to all churches with settled pastors and regular supplies, is presented.

The following facts appear upon inspection of the statistics:

The blessing of God has been with us, manifest in regular accessions to the churches; in some instances quite marked, and in all quite encouraging.

There has been a marked decrease in deaths and losses or exchanges by dismission.

While the contributions for congregational purposes are considerably ahead of the receipts of last year—due to the rebuilding of the church at Walkill, and extensive repairs at

New Prospect—the receipts for religious and benevolent purposes have fallen short of last year; this discrepancy is doubtless attributable to the special effort made a year ago to help meet the deficit of the Foreign Mission Board.

CONDENSED REPORTS FROM CHURCHES.

Berea. A regular periodical addition to membership of the church. Encouraging condition of Sunday school.

Bloomingburgh. No marked progress or special work to report; still, God is blessing us.

Callicoon. "All in all, the church at Callicoon looks upon the past year with praise and thanks toward God, the Great Head of the Church."

Claraville, now *Cuddebackville.* Good spiritual condition of the church. The spirit of prayer prevails.

Deerpark. Active work along several lines among the young; church membership influential; public movements for social and general improvement.

Ellenville. Progress in faith and works. People interested in maintenance of the local Y. M. C. A. The blessing of God is with us.

Fallsburgh. A year of quiet work.

Grahamsville. The rich blessing of God follows the work of Mr. Coombs, the stated supply since last October. Classis will be asked to apply for a dispensation from General Synod on his account.

Kerhonkson. Supplied by Rev. H. A. Hendrickson and Rev. J. B. Church.

Mamakating. (None.)

Minnisink. The outpouring of God's Spirit, converting many souls, gives us reason for great thanksgiving.

Montgomery. (None.)

Newburgh. (None.)

New Hurley. The Spirit attends the ministry of the Word to prosper it; effective Y. P. S. C. E.

New Prospect. Church edifice greatly improved and beautified. God's work advances. The work among the young for religious growth and mental improvement is prospered.

Shawangunk. A steady and large increase in accessions to church on confession of faith. Effective Y. P. S. C. E. Practical benevolent work of other societies of the church. Large increase in contributions to the Boards of the Church.

Unionville.

Walden. "Work of Holy Spirit has been manifest in the conversion of souls and in the quickening of believers. Sunday school in hands of earnest Christain workers. Y. P. S. C. E. effective. Missionary spirit alive."

Walkill Valley. A rebuilt church and greatly diminished debt. Harmony in all the work of the church. A strong Y. P. S. C. E., and large regular admissions to full communion. A newly installed pastor, and very encouraging outlook.

Walpack (Upper). "The year which has now closed has witnessed a larger ingathering in the membership of this section of the Church of Walpack than any previous year since 1833-34. The Spirit of the Lord has been poured forth abundantly." This is a promising field for earnest missionary work. Ten thousand souls and only four churches!

Walpack (Lower). Supplied by J. M. Allen. E. W. Thompson, of New Brunswick, secured for next six months.

Wawarsing. Prospering under Rev. Mr. Beach, as Stated Supply.

C. W. BURROWES, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

All the churches of the Classis of Poughkeepsie show marks of the continuance of the Divine favor. They speak thankfully of the blessings bestowed, humbly of their own shortcomings, and cheerfully and hopefully of the future.

The First Church of Poughkeepsie speaks of well attended services, efficient work in Sunday school, Young People's and Ladies' Societies, increased benevolent contributions, a spirit of unity and peace, and manifests a love for mankind, in the expressed sorrow that larger numbers have not been led to give their hearts to Christ.

The Second Church of Poughkeepsie has been without a pastor for the year, but have regularly maintained the preaching of the Word and the other departments of church work.

Fishkill makes no remarks, but the number received by certificate and on confession, and the amount of benevolent contribution, as compared with former years, show a state of successful activity.

Hopewell reports fifteen additions to the membership, 260 in the Sunday school, and $286 contributed to benevolent work.

New Hackensack notes the payment of a floating debt, acknowledges the good work done by the Ladies' Societies, regrets so small an addition to its membership, but observes a deep spiritual under-current, and hopes for the future.

Hyde Park has suffered unusual losses by death, but is stimulated to "thanksgiving and courage by the faithful attendance to the various departments of church work and the spirit of unity which prevails."

Fishkill-on-Hudson says all work of the church in the various departments has been faithfully performed. Though we have fallen far short of accomplishing what we desired, the year has been full of marks of the Divine favor.

The Church of Rhinebeck speaks of regularly maintained services and attendance at the various services. Some conversions have taken place and growth in grace attained by believers.

Glenham has had a steady increase in membership, a notable enlargement of the Sunday school, and a flourishing and active Christian Endeavor Society. Being thankful for past mercies, hopes and prays for larger blessings.

Cold Spring reports a prosperous year; greatly increased benevolent contributions; improvement of church property. Is sorely afflicted by the death of Mr. Isaac Riggs, Senior Elder, who for thirty-five years has been a consistent and devoted supporter of the church.

At Millbrook peace and unity prevail, but more zeal is needed. Temporal prosperity is given. Larger spiritual refreshment is prayed for.

The following ministerial changes have taken place: The candidate, Harris Ely Adreance, having been duly examined was received under the care of Classis in July, 1889, and was dismissed to the Presbytery of Westchester in January, 1890. Rev. Benjamin E. Dickhaut has been received from the Classis of New York and installed as pastor of the Church of Fishkill. Rev. E. J. Runk has been received from the Classis of Westchester, and is acting as Stated Supply of the Church of Cold Spring. Rev. F. A. M. Brown has been dismissed to the Presbytery of Westchester.

Respectfully submitted,

J. EDWARD LYALL, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.

The fourteen churches of Westchester Classis, whose reports stand below, almost in full, show an increase in benevolence of $940 raising $5,135.38; and in congregational expenses a decrease of $1,918.47 raising $29,539.95. There has been a decrease of thirteen in communicants, 119 having united by letter and confession.

Spiritually the year has been an average one. Good work has been done. There has been a growing increase in attendance of many of the churches.

Bronxville "is at present without a pastor. Two services on the Sabbath have been held throughout the year, as well as a week night service for prayer and praise. The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor is a very encouraging feature of the church work."

Courtlandtown. "There is a promising outlook in the two sections of this congregation. Verplanck offers a large and interesting field for Christian Mission work, and Montrose is already quite animated with the prospect of growth. In the name of the Lord we set up our banners."

Fordham. Financially, we have done better; spiritually, the year has been a fair, average year. We have met some losses in the death of some of our members. The city is growing up about us, and this has markedly increased our church attendance, and it has laid upon us the responsibility of projecting some plan for establishing Mission churches in the village and at Belmont. Now or never, is the year to keep our spiritual oversight and charge in this portion of the city, and we call upon our brethren to look into this field, and our work, and aid us. We need to retrench by the populousness of the ground, from which we retire only from lack of means to house it, and allow others to take the places our denomination now holds in the northern portion of this great metropolis.

Greenburgh. Statistics only.

Greenville. Reports statistics only.

Hastings. During the past year two societies, the King's Daughters and the Society of Christian Eadeavor, have been organized. More money has been raised for congregational purposes than for several years. The outlook for us is very hopeful.

Melrose. Reports statistics only.

Mt. Vernon. The large ingathering of last year made a similar experience for this almost impossible. The two years together are, however, about the average of any in the past. In the matter of benevolence, we are much pleased to report a decided and encouraging advance. Financially, we have held our own. Our Sabbath school has increased, although it does not appear on the table. The attendance upon the Sunday services is constantly growing. Our Y. P. S. C. E. continues a blessing, and is blessed. Our debt has been still further reduced. Harmony and peace prevails. We are a united people. Consistory has reason for thankfulness, as well as earnest consecration and work.

Peekskill. The year has been one of quiet work. Great peace and harmony have characterized every department of the life of the church. There has been an increase in the attendance of the church and Sabbath school. We succeeded in raising $850 for the paying off of our floating debt. This greatly increased the courage and interest in the year's work. The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor gave promise of blessing, and a future of enlarged usefulness awaits the church. All of which we recognize to be the Lord's doings, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

Tarrytown, First. We report a net gain of fifteen during the year, the attendance of the Sunday services has been good, that of the evening being larger than ever before. The prayer-meetings, too, have been unusually well attended and the numbers of the Sunday school have been full. Good work has been done by the Ladies' Missionary Society, the King's Daughters and all the various committees which are laboring under the auspices of the Society for Church Work. Because of this our contributions for benevolence have been

quite materially increased and good has been done, which figures cannot indicate. While in many ways we have come short, yet we look back upon a year of a good degree of activity.

Tarrytown, Second. The changes incident to new pastoral relations have brought spiritual fruitage and financial strength. The Sunday congregations have doubled in attendance and all departments of church work have taken new vigor. The Sunday school has increased its membership, the prayer-meetings are unusually well sustained. The Y. P. S. C. E. is active, and the whole community seems to have shared in the material prosperity and spiritual advancement. We close the year with a balance in our treasury.

Unionville. No report.

West Farms. This church, under the stated ministration of Rev. L. C. Andrew, reports a year of earnest work and a spiritual promise of much fruit in the near future.

Yonkers. "The year has developed the usual steady progress. Sabbath services and weekly prayer-meetings have been well attended and the Sunday schools have prospered both at the church and at the Ludlow Street Chapel. The Christian Endeavor Society maintains its Sabbath evening meetings with vigor and success. Our people are feeling that we must either undertake renovation of our present church edifice or build a new one. Till decision upon this matter is reached, there will be inevitable retardation along our usual lines of outside money giving. Our united condition is a blessed sign of promise, and we go forward in duty with growing hope, leaning upon the promises, and leaving our future with the Lord."

The following ecclesiastical changes have been made during the year :

Rev. Taber Knox released from Tarrytown, Second, and dismissed Oct. 7th, 1889, to Classis of Philadelphia. Rev. Edward J. Runk dismissed same date to Classis of Poughkeepsie. Rev. E. E. Thomas received on Dec. 16th, 1889, from the

Classis of Paramus, and on Jan. 6th, 1890, installed over Tarrytown, Second. Rev. Joseph A. Harper released Feb. 10th, 1890, from charge of the church at Courtlandtown. Rev. William E. Turner released April 15th, 1890, from charge of Church of Greenburgh and declared Emeritus. Rev. F. M. Bogardus received from the Classis of Kingston and arrangements made for his installation, June 24th, at Courtlandtown. Rev. Henry Mattice dismissed to Classis of Bergen. Rev. William Brush declared Emeritus.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. ANDERSON, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF ARCOT.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S			CONTRIBUTIONS				POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	†Jr. R.	A.	P.	† R.	A.	P.	
Arcot	J. W. Conklin	51	3	16	15	6	4	72	5	7	141	13	9	238	74	14	2	15	..	..	
Yehamur	E. C. Scudder, Jr.	155	9	6	..	..	5	96	20	6	234	151	9	611	12	2	..	34	3	1	Arni, Madras Presidency, In.
Arni	"	28	..	4	18	2	3	45	5	1	68	3	5	117	20	14	..	40	11	3	" " "
Allendal	Moses Nathaniel	12	..	1	..	..	..	20	..	..	28	22	2	88	3	..	..	5	5	5	Gnanodiam, North Arcot, "
Gnanodiam	"	63	7	3	2	..	..	95	15	6	128	54	4	277	21	2	7	22	15	8	" " " "
Marutuvambadi	"	11	..	..	..	..	..	22	2	..	26	1	1	49	3	4	..	7	12	9	" " " "
Vellumbi	E. C. Scudder, Jr.	20	..	..	2	2	1	25	..	..	41	4	2	76	5	3	..	8	11	4	Arni, " "
Chittoor	W. I. Chamberlain	41	..	..	3	..	1	42	2	..	71	10	2	97	19	10	..	27	5	3	Madanapalle, Madras, "
Kottapalli	Abraham William	82	..	..	..	..	..	76	..	..	88	78	7	300	25	..	..	20	11	9	Katupadi, " "
Madanapalle	Jacob Chamberlain / W. I. Chamberlain	132	..	9	4	..	1	128	13	10	167	227	11	740	130	2	..	146	..	..	Madanapalle, " "
Palmaner	Jacob Chamberlain	12	..	9	5	..	1	27	2	..	17	6	1	50	119	3	6	21	3	1	" " "
Vellore	J. W. Scudder	72	8	3	15	..	5	116	10	..	147	8	5	280	193	6	11	108	8	..	Vellore, " "
Kandiputtur	Isaac Lazar	118	6	4	1	..	1	130	17	4	155	80	6	467	10	12	..	32	10	..	" " "
Sadaku	"	94	7	..	..	..	3	112	5	5	101	50	2	333	3	..	..	16	13	1	" " "
Katpadi	Abraham William	133	24	1	18	1	3	167	32	15	173	22	8	432	141	..	1	120	13	6	Katpadi, " "
Coonoor	E. C. Scudder, Jr.	46	2	4	47	..	1	*72	3	2	89	2	2	180	64	10	7	19	4	..	Arni, " "
Tindivanam	John Scudder, (a. c.)	15	..	..	4	..	..	24	5	..	72	1	3	97	44	4	..	51	10	..	Tindivanam, " "
Sattambadi	"	67	..	4	..	4	1	98	23	1	166	41	6	305	48	2	3	43	10	4	" " "
Orattur	Paul Bailey	63	2	2	9	..	1	90	8	2	110	76	3	276	20	4	6	16	4	10	" " "
Kolapaukam	"	45	..	1	..	9	1	77	6	..	90	16	4	183	20	13	3	19	14	3	" " "
Narasinganur	"	40	..	..	..	..	2	67	7	..	68	14	3	149	20	2	8	13	9	4	" " "
Varikkal	"	41	..	..	1	..	..	45	19	12	108	32	3	185	17	1	5	18	3	..	" " "
Vellaripattu	"	57	..	2	..	..	..	50	21	11	86	98	5	234	17	15	9	24	7	2	" " "
	Total	1398	68	69	137	24	31	1696	220	82	2374	1079	103	5754	1086	..	8	835	11	1	

Other Ministers.—Rev. W. W. Scudder, Professor of Theology, Palmanar: Rev. L. R. Scudder, Licentiate, Arcot.

* Revised list. † Contributions by the missionaries are not included in this account.

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
First, Claverack	John H. Wyckoff	130	16	8	13	0	8	254	4	7	....	.....	5	325	$684	$1,950	Claverack, Col. Co., N.Y.
Second, Claverack	John G. Gebhard (s. c.).	240	4	4	7	0	3	261	2	1	36	190	2	221	704	1,470	Mellenville, " "
Gallatin	Benjamin A. Bartholf.	68	6	2	0	0	1	112	1	3	.....	....	1	60	109	700	Mt. Ross, Dutchess Co., " "
Germantown	Mortimer Smith	108	11	3	5	0	7	103	4	7	.....	188	1	150	80	1,200	Germantown, Col Co., " "
Greenport	Ed. G. Ackerman, P. E.	80	4	1	5	0	5	*215	2	2	.....	80	2	225	213	1,186	Greendale, " "
Hudson	Ferdinand S. Schenck.	272	1	2	1	0	3	552	....	..	.....	.....	1	229	1,234	9,020	Hudson, " "
Linlithgow	Jonah W. Vaughan	*67	49	7	3	0	1	*146	2	23	42	. ..	2	155	225	3,804	Livingston, " "
Livingston at Linlithgo	William W. Whitney	58	13	4	0	0	2	75	6	3	25	20	1	80	284	825	Linlithgo, " "
Upper Red Hook	George D. Lydecker	68	6	0	4	0	2	130	5	1	.....	75	1	104	455	1,520	Upper Red Hook, D. Co., " "
West Copake	James C. Garretson	76	1	0	1	0	3	107	2	0	91	.....	1	151	89	1,121	West Copake, Col. Co., "
	Total	1167	111	31	41	0	35	1955	28	47	197	498	17	1706	$4,077	$22,796	

* Revised.

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Bloomingdale	Vacant	110	11	9	0	0	5	146	19	6	.....	.....	1	197	$62 29	$730	Whiteport, Ulster Co., N. Y.
The Clove	Herman Hageman	160	16	7	13	0	5	269	22	4	250	200	3	430	571 99	1,960 55	High Falls, " "
Dashville Falls	*Vacant	45	0	0	0	0	0	118	0	0	20	0	0	0	50	130	Rifton Glen, " "
Guilford	Calvin E. Lasher	80	3	2	4	0	1	101	4	2	148	72	3	190	42 43	1,250	Gardiner, " "
Hurley	Samuel T. Searle	70	3	2	6	0	1	190	0	0	64	50	1	110	270 40	1,281 39	Hurley, " "
Kingston, Fair Street	Stephen D. Noyes	160	6	3	6	0	5	346	8	1	0	0	1	326	350	3,500	Kingston, " "
Krumville	Paul T. Deyo	35	2	0	0	0	0	90	3	1	70	20	1	80	2 34	225	Samsonville, " "
Lyonsville	*Vacant	52	0	0	0	0	0	55	0	0	0	0	1	70	4	166	Lyonsville, " "
Marbletown	Wm. W. Schomp, (s. c).	101	8	3	2	0	4	176	5	4	0	50	1	60	262	1,173 57	Stone Ridge, " "
Marbletown, North	Wm. W. Schomp, S. S.	57	7	0	0	0	3	102	7	3	0	0	1	68	76 23	410 08	" "
New Paltz	Abel H. Huizinga	300	35	3	9	0	9	446	16	12	0	200	7	523	855 66	2,390 35	New Paltz, " "
Rochester	John B. Church	125	26	5	8	1	6	210	8	6	127	80	4	340	140	1,123 90	Accord, " "
Rosendale	Matthew N. Oliver	76	6	7	4	0	3	188	14	3	189	0	1	125	24	1,280 86	Rosendale, " "
St. Remy	Vacant	55	26	4	4	0	1	116	7	12	28	0	1	107	37 27	459 09	Whiteport, " "
	Total	1426	149	50	56	1	43	2553	113	53	896	672	26	2626	$2,748	$16,081	

Other Ministers.—Rev. Jas. R. Lente, Emeritus, Washingtonville, N. Y.; Rev. M. F. Liebenau, Emeritus, Kingston, N. Y. * Last Year's Report.

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptised Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Jamaica	Oliver H. Walser	190	12	4	4	...	6	357	8	2	.....	124	2	314	$1,156 61	$3,600	Jamaica, L. I., N. Y.
Newtown	Chas. I. Shepard	96	2	....	4	...	2	*150	10	2	.....	....	2	274	902 58	2,638 84	Newtown, " "
Oyster Bay	John H. Smock	80	2	1	2	...	3	134	1	....	.....	.....	1	74	268 91	1,304 72	Glen Head, " "
North Hempstead	Abm. I. Martine	72	12	3	1	0	1	133	3	3	32	36	1	70	200	1,731 42	Manhasset, " "
Williamsburgh	E. P. Terhune	190	15	5	7	...	2	276	4	3	.....	.....	...	325	921 70	14,622 37	157 Sd. 9th St., Brooklyn, " "
Astoria	W. S. Cranmer	125	16	1	10	...	6	190	9	8	.....	.....	1	210	660 19	6,667 47	Astoria, L. I., " "
Flushing	†Oliver E. Cobb	90	3	6	5	...	1	190	4	1	.....	70	1	130	565 41	3,200	Flushing, " "
Greenpoint	Lewis Francis	209	42	4	9	0	3	*422	15	16	.....	.....	2	988	1,775 98	6,515 15	143 Noble St., Brooklyn, " "
South Bushwick	Geo. D. Hulst	175	12	20	11	...	1	395	13	7	.....	.....	1	350	233 92	9,305 89	15 Himrod St., " "
Second, Astoria	C. D. F. Steinführer	100	17	....	3	...	1	237	98	2	.....	25	1	275	78 17	4,000	Astoria, L. I., " "
East Williamsburgh	Vacant	22	2	1	...	...	1	35	....	..	....	.....	1	137	22 19	791 33	
Queens	Jas. S. N. Demarest	81	8	5	4	...	2	136	8	3	.....	.....	2	445	474 17	3,514 14	Queens, " "
German Ev., Brooklyn	John C. Guenther	300	62	3	...	...	9	509	165	....	.....	130	2	350	1,273	4,822	178 Lorimer St., B'klyn, " "
Sayville	Vacant	28	....	2	...	...	2	60	...	....	.....	20	1	60	73 11	500	Sayville, L. I., " "
Locust Valley	John H. Smock	40	1	2	...	...	2	51	4	1	... .	....	1	101	170	908 20	Glen Head, " "
College Point	John Baumeister	91	9	4	3	0	0	115	25	....	... .	167	1	178	602 70	1,486 85	College Point, " "
First Ref., L. I. City	Alexander Shaw	50	5	2	...	...	1	66	12	..	.....	115	1	181	88 98	1,081 22	L. I. City, " "
Bushwick	Wm. H. Ford	275	36	....	3	...	5	280	16	2	.....	.....	1	375	100	3,400	295 Graham Av., B'klyn, " "
German Ev., Jamaica	Franz Hartig	54	10	..	...	...	8	150	29	....	.....	12	1	100	68	1,944 36	Jamaica, L. I., " "
Hicksville	E. Gutweiler	50	4	1	...	...	1	40	4	....	.....	.....	1	125	62	1,368	Hicksville, " "
	Total	2318	270	64	66	...	57	5017	428	50	32	699	25	6507	$9,892 52	$73,666 89	

Other Ministers.—E. R. Atwater, Brooklyn, N. Y.; W. H. Ten Eyck (s. c.), New Brunswick, N. J.; Alexander S. Van Dyck, Amoy, China; John Wagner, 315 Graham Avenue, Brooklyn, E.D., N.Y.; Jean S. Crousaz, Sayville, L.I., N.Y.; Robt. H.Barr, Newburgh, N.Y.; Oliver E. Cobb, Tarrytown, N.Y.

Candidate.—Herman H. Shook, Brooklyn, N. Y. † Pastoral relation dissolved, in effect May 1st, 1890. * Revised List.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.					BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
First Reformed	Vacant	73	18	17	9	...	4	234	...	....	...	.....	2	687	$2,465 50	$388 46	
" Centen'l Chapel	Austin P. Stockwell	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	427	330	.....	
Flatbush	Cornelius L. Wells	127	11	5	1	...	3	369	7	3	190	200	1	284	5,864 49	.....	Flatbush, Kings Co., N. Y.
" Mission Chapel	Wm. H. Boocock	....	11	4	....	....	3	....	10	2	....	35	1	175	110	.....	" " "
New Utrecht	Alfred H. Brush	100	12	16	3	...	4	278	6	2	....	50	2	341	1,520 30	2,687 38	Bath Beach, "
Gravesend	P. V. Van Buskirk	120	5	4	1	...	6	227	8	....	150	130	2	245	1,228 53	2,270 93	Gravesend, Kings Co., "
Flatlands	John S. Gardner	81	5	....	....	...	3	169	8	....	95	50	2	259	785 99	6,438 41	Flatlands, " "
New Lots	Nicholas Pearse	70	27	4	6	...	2	180	4	4	.....	50	1	194	1,923 13	2,562	Station E, Brooklyn, "
East New York	Jesse W. Brooks	110	18	33	11	...	4	167	16	1	.....	....	1	400	669 17	2,390	" " "
South Brooklyn	A. DeW. Mason	135	7	16	5	...	2	187	12	1	58	150	1	325	460	2,640	165 52d Street, " "
12th St., "	John E. Lloyd	300	32	21	9	...	5	571	25	8	372	1042	2	1417	16,489 63	8,936 98	468 9th Street, " "
North Refd., Brooklyn	Vacant	....	....	1	10	....	....	130	....	....	....	....	1	150	.....	2,408 07	
Ch. on the Heights, "	Wesley R. Davis	165	8	30	3	...	4	337	4	4	.....	.....	2	600	8,538 89	10,154 77	178 Columbia Heights, B'klyn
Bethany Chapel, "	Edgar Tilton, Jr	75	8	1	....	....	1	....	7	3	....	....	1	....	540	.....	235 Clifton Place, "
New Brooklyn	Jacob Weber	142	28	....	....	....	7	414	93	2	500	30	1	300	246	7,225 03	1062 Herkimer Street, "
Second, Flatbush	Carl Scholz*	23	....	....	....	....	....	50	16	....	16	30	1	59	30	.....	Flatbush, L. I., N. Y.
Canarsie	Nathaniel Nicolai	29	12	1	4	....	1	69	11	....	15	72	1	85	95 97	177	Canarsie, Kings Co., "
Bedford	Herman C. Berg	100	3	9	14	....	....	302	6	1	.....	....	1	175	311 61	9,093 37	99 Hancock St., B'kyn, "
St. Thomas, W. Indies	A. J. Hageman	40	9	....	2	...	7	137	2	....	.....	65	1	93	127 85	1,826 60	St. Thomas, Danish W. Indies
Ocean Hill	A. Messler Quick	60	1	20	2	...	2	127	1	....	....	200	1	224	42	2,005 45	56 7th Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.
	Total	1450	215	182	80	...	58	3948	236	31	1396	2104	26	6446	$41,779 06	$60,904 45	

Other Ministers.—Rev. John M. Van Buren, D.D., Nyack, Rockland Co., N.Y.; Rev. Jacob West, D.D.,† Ridgewood, N. J.; Rev. Daniel Rapalje, Missionary, Amoy, China; Rev. John Mason Ferris, D.D., Editor *Christian Intelligencer*, and Treasurer Board Foreign Missions, R. C. A.; Rev. David S. Sutphen, Bloomfield, N. J.; Rev. R. G. Strong (s. c.), Principal of Erasmus Hall Academy, Flatbush, L. I.; Rev. Uriah D. Gulick, 50 East 125th Street, New York City; Rev. Alex. R. Thompson, D.D., 180 Clermont Avenue, Brooklyn, Chaplain Roosevelt Hospital, N. Y. City; Rev. David N. Vanderveer, D.D., 48 Pierrepont Street, Brooklyn; Rev. Walter T. Griffin, Limoges, France; Rev. Daniel Van Pelt, 26 Reade Street, New York City; Rev. Edwin F. See, General Secretary Y. M. C. A., 502 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Rev. Wm. D. Perry, 193 Carlton Avenue, Brooklyn; Rev. J. L. Zabriskie, Waverly Avenue, Flatbush, L. I.; Rev. H. W. George, Leeds, Greene Co., N.Y.

*Died March 1st, 1890. †Died February, 1890.

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
New York (Collegiate) North. DeWitt..... Knox ..... Col. Chapl's.	Thomas E. Vermilye... Talbot W. Chambers... Edward B. Coe..... Kenneth F. Junor.. ... William Vaughan(s.c.)	494	46	19	32	2	14	1752	38	5	....	.....	6	1816	$36,335	.....	15 West 56th St., N.Y. City. 70 West 36th St., " 42 West 32d St., " 160 West 29th St., " 229 West 42d St., "
Harlem Collegiate...	George H. Smyth..... Joachim Elmendorf...	540	78	77	52	0	14	1393	48	23	....	1417	2	1556	8,325	.....	269 Lenox Ave., " 61 East 123d St., "
South.....	Roderick Terry.....	155	3	1	2	0	2	205	4	0	185	75	2	500	10,187	$10,000	169 Madison Ave., "
Manor Chapel (South).	John A. Billingsley...	169	14	2	0	0	0	221	13	1	146	75	2	500	348	1,191	444 West 23d St., "
Staten Island.....	James Brownlee, P. E.. Alfred H. Demarest....	158	4	8	3	0	7	300	12	1	.....	150	2	450	1,076	5,432	Port Richmond, S. I., N. Y. " " "
Bloomingdale.	Madison C. Peters.....	250	23	11	11	0	2	200	7	4	.....	450	2	450	500	17,000	B'way & 68th St., N. Y. City.
Madison Avenue.....	Abbott E. Kittredge...	265	68	55	27	1	11	792	17	9	....	911	2	1009	13,783	39,218	50 East 60th St., "
Thirty-fourth Street...	Peter Stryker	150	12	8	20	0	1	370	8	3	65	133	1	198	806	6,477	359 West 31st St., "
German Ev. Mission...	Julius W. Geyer.....	95	19	1	9	1	12	373	62	3	.....	40	1	500	1,917	1,407	78 Second St., "
Huguenots.....	Vacant..... ..	40	0	2	0	0	0	27	0	0	.....	80	1	80	62	467	
St. Paul's, Mott Haven	Vacant.....	57	1	6	3	0	1	109	2	0	.....	317	1	344	231	2,278	
Union, High Bridge...	Vacant.....	*114	13	5	8	0	3	*145	6	0	....	....	1	202	690	5,858	
Fourth German.....	John H. Oerter.....	114	48	3	3	0	2	529	40	0	196	220	1	360	334	1,827	248 West 40th St., "
Prospect Hill.....	D. McL. Quackenbush.	40	0	2	12	0	3	112	11	0	....	95	1	191	165	1,849	222 East 87th St., "
Holland.....	Vacant.....	20	1	1	1	0	2	44	3	0	19	0	0	0	116	257	279 West 11th St., "
Avenue B. German Ev.	Jacob Schlegel..... ..	100	60	0	7	0	12	519	90	0	....	60	1	408	586	2,150	602 Fifth St., "
Brighton Heights.....	John Hutchins.....	220	9	2	11	0	6	310	10	0	58	200	1	300	742	4,694	New Brighton, S. I., N. Y.
Union, Sixth Avenue..	Charles A. Jones.....	65	3	0	18	0	4	204	8	1	6	25	2	170	334	2,324	112 West 11th St., N. Y. City.
German, Norfolk St...	Frederick C. Erhardt..	83	43	0	0	0	9	304	85	1	.....	34	1	330	275	2,415	147 Norfolk St., "
Kreischerville.....	Jacob Gans.....	70	6	0	0	0	5	80	10	0	10	6	1	125	16	1,550	Kreischerville, S. I., N. Y.
German Ev. of Yorkv'le	G. A. T. Goebel..... ..	80	....	....	....	....	....	200	....	....	....	....	1	355	.....	.....	323 East 84th St., N. Y. City.
Grace.....	Joseph R. Duryee.....	158	27	8	3	0	3	197	17	3	.....	250	1	430	1,311	1,851	112 West 47th St., "
Hamilton Grange.. ...	William Westerfield..	75	16	19	4	0	1	135	17	3	.....	0	1	466	29	1,836	63 Convent Ave., "
	Total.....	3512	494	230	221	4	114	8521	510	57	635	4538	34	10735	$78,168	$110,074	

Foreign Missionaries.—Rev. Leonard W. Kip, Amoy, China; Rev. C. H. H. Wolff, Japan; Rev. E. Rothesay Miller, Yokohama, Japan; Rev. Nathan Henry Demarest, Nagasaki, Japan.

Other Ministers.—W. W. Clark, H. Du Bois, High Bridge, N. Y.; E. S. Fairchild, Flushing, N. Y.; Aaron Lloyd, Belleville, N. J.; G. H. Mandeville, 64 West 126th St, New York City; A. J. Park, Huntington, Conn.; G. S. Plumley, P. O. Box 787, New York City; E. A. Reed, Holyoke, Mass.; T. J. Kommers, Linden, N. J.; A. G. Vermilye, Englewood, N. J.; F. N. Zabriskie, Princeton, N. J.; W. J. R. Taylor, 23 Park Row, New York City; Wm. H Gleason, 61 West 95th St., New York City; H. J. Sullivan, Newark, N. J.

Licentiate.—G. H. Cotton, 14 Lafayette Place, New York City.

* Revised Roll.

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Berea	C. W. Burrowes	52	7	....	2	..	1	116	3	3	40	20	1	59	$111 50	$720	Walden, N. Y.
Bloomingburgh	John L. Stillwell	58	5	1	3	...	4	105	....	2	....	2	1	100	47	900	Bloomingburgh, "
Callicoon	Henry Unglaub	62	6	...	...	...	3	153	26	3	.....	15	1	135	27	395 15	Callicoon, "
Claraville	Vacant	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2 20	....	
Cuddebackville	Gilbert Lane	65	1	...	1	..	2	101	1	...	....	...	2	111	52 49	.....	Cuddebackville, "
Deerpark	L. L. Taylor	218	17	4	7	1	5	† 18	6	14	....	25	3	638	1,126 43	3,740 12	Port Jervis, "
Ellenville	H. A. Hendrickson	164	14	7	5	...	7	282	6	1	....	125	2	277	660 24	2,193 32	Ellenville, "
Fallsburgh	B. T. Statesir	97	2	2	...	...	2	104	2	2	.....	.....	2	73	147 22	724 40	Woodbourne, "
Grahamsville	Vacant	*31	21	3	...	...	2	84	...	18	.....	.....	1	63	18 67	275	Eureka, "
Kerhonkson	Vacant	33	8	2	2	...	...	45	3	4	.....	18	1	75	.....	.....	Kerhonkson, "
Mamakating	Samuel Millett	28	4	1	1	...	2	64	5	2	.....	6	1	84	19	483	Wurtsboro, "
Minnisink	Joseph Millett	60	27	...	1	...	2	82	....	24	.....	.....	2	90	25	600	Montague, N. J.
Montgomery	Vacant	185	7	8	7	...	6	435	6	....	....	75	....	.....	1,062 99	2,105 06	Montgomery, N. Y.
Newburgh	H. V. S. Myers	160	7	7	3	...	7	410	4	....	154	189	1	219	763 44	2,911 08	Newburgh, "
New Hurley	Geo. W. Scarlett	145	7	4	4	...	9	200	6	4	.....	175	2	190	185	1,302 32	New Hurley, "
New Prospect	Edwin O. Moffett	*108	13	2	5	...	2	158	4	5	....	105	2	128	78 95	2,521 44	Pine Bush, "
Shawangunk	P. K. Hageman (s. c)	*90	22	1	12	...	10	243	4	5	.....	150	4	220	258 57	1,055 01	Bruynswick, "
Unionville	Vacant	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	
Walden	W. H. S. Demarest	128	14	19	7	...	4	265	1	4	.....	150	1	231	570	2,400	Walden, "
Walkill Valley	Marion T. Conklin	75	19	6	7	...	2	130	12	10	63	.....	1	220	52 23	4,363 88	Walkill, "
Walpack (Upper)	John M. Allen	70	16	4	3	...	1	55	6	11	.....	.....	2	116	47 05	709 33	Dingman's Ferry, Pa.
Walpack (Lower)	.....	‡	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2	120	....	700	Bushkill, "
Wawarsing	Vacant	140	4	2	...	...	2	80	....	....	.....	20	1	95	.....	.....	Napanoch, N. Y.
	Total	1969	221	73	70	1	73	3430 *	95	112	257	1075	33	3244	$5,249 98	$28,099 10	

Other Ministers.—Rev. S. W. Mills, Port Jervis, N. Y.; Rev. W. B. Darrach, Fishkill-on-Hudson, N. Y.; Rev. J. A. Staats, Goshen, N. Y.; Rev. Goyn Talmage, Somerville, N. J.; Rev. J. T. Demarest (Emeritus), New Brunswick, N. J.; Rev. J. E. Bernart, Chester, N. Y.

* Revised Records. † Not including 37 non-residents. ‡ Last year's report.

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
First, Poughkeepsie	A. P. Van Gieson (s.c.).	190	12	9	11	...	7	520	4	3	.....	....	1	344	$3,545 88	$4,136 56	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
Second, Poughkeepsie	Wm. B. Hill, P. E	124	1	1	4	...	...	372	..	..	....	98	1	98	1,510 11	3,893 67	" "
Fishkill	B. E. Dickhaut	81	27	8	..	....	3	*177	5	14	..	92	2	146	411 44	1,782 07	Fishkill, "
Hopewell	C. H. Polhemus	150	9	3	5	...	3	292	6	4	.....	....	5	220	286 39	1,945 14	Hopewell Junction, "
New Hackensack	Wm. A. Dumont	90	5	2	12	...	4	150	3	2	.....	.....	4	175	435 45	1,405 19	New Hackensack, "
Hyde Park	John F. Shaw	60	1	....	1	...	7	113	5	....	....	....	1	70	201 67	1,292 67	Hyde Park, "
Fishkill-on-Hudson	Chas. W. Fritts	125	4	7	5	...	5	290	2	1	.....	.....	1	212	959 68	2,914	Fishkill-on-Hudson, "
Rhinebeck	J. Romeyn Berry	125	3	1	..	...	2	194	....	2	.....	60	1	115	673	1,756	Rhinebeck, "
Glenham	P. S. Beekman	35	13	3	3	...	1	87	1	8	....	....	1	91	77 33	630 84	Glenham, "
Cold Spring	Edw. J. Runk, S. S.	30	3	....	1	...	1	45	..	2	7	21	1	38	143 08	681 37	Cold Spring, "
Millbrook	J. Edward Lyall	79	3	....	9	...	2	119	8	3	66	.....	4	190	330 85	1,966 59	Millbrook, "
	Total	1089	81	39	51	....	35	2259	34	39	73	271	22	1739	$8,565 33	$22,408 10	

Other Ministers.- Rev. C. S. Hageman, Nyack, N. Y.; Rev. A. Mattice, Pine Plains; Rev. H. N. Cobb, 25 Reade Street, New York; Rev. H. Dater, Hawthorne, N. J.; Rev. F. F. Wilson, Asbury Park, N. J.; Rev. Philip W. Pitcher, Amoy, China.

* Revised List.

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Bronxville	Vacant	20	3	...	2	...	1	69	...	1	.....	.....	1	43	$150 51	$900 37	Bronxville, Westchester Co.
Cortlandtown	F. M. Bogardus, P. E.	76	...	...	...	...	...	68	8	...	.....	.....	2	186	43 06	713 36	Montrose, " N. Y.
Fordham	Wm. F. Anderson	90	9	8	9	...	5	132	5	4	.....	....	1	275	1,353 43	4,700 64	Fordham, New York City.
Greenburgh	Vacant	19	...	...	...	...	...	14	3	...	.....	.....	1	48	.....	460 50	Elmsford, Westchester Co.
Greenville	S. S. Hughson, S. S.	22	...	2	...	...	1	54	...	...	.....	.....	1	44	7	438	Scarsdale, " N. Y.
Hastings	James A. Norris	70	7	2	2	...	4	98	2	1	.....	.....	1	110	22 20	2,071 54	Hastings, " "
Melrose	John E. Lang	58	...	3	1	...	10	109	8	1	....	27	1	544	47 31	2,288 80	Elton Ave. & 156th St., N.Y.C.
Mount Vernon	C. K. Clearwater (s.c.)	130	8	4	10	...	4	278	6	....	.....	140	1	200	912 30	4,698 12	Mt. Vernon, Westchester Co.
Peekskill	Henry De Vries	92	5	3	2	.	2	114	6	...	.....	21	1	134	138 02	2,007 68	Peekskill, " N. Y.
Tarrytown, First	John K. Allen	110	9	11	...	1	4	265	8	5	.....	...	1	226	941 96	3,542 89	Tarrytown, " "
" Second	E. E. Thomas	95	5	3	21	...	6	183	13	2	23	75	1	121	428 40	2,403 36	" " "
Unionville	Vacant	63	1	1	3	...	3	92	3	1	20	15	1	73	10 50	565 97	Nepperhan, " "
West Farms	L. C. Andrew, S. S.	20	5	2	...	...	...	33	...	4	.....	60	1	110	118 59	728	1296 Woodruff St., N.Y. City.
Yonkers	David Cole	155	13	15	5	...	11	409	15	1	113	187	2	425	963 13	3,836 22	Yonkers, Westchester Co.
	Total	1020	65	54	56	1	51	1918	77	20	156	520	16	2541	$5,135 38	$29,539 95	

Other Ministers.—John A. Todd, Tarrytown, N.Y.; William Brush, Morristown, N. J.; L. H. Van Dyck, Brooklyn, N. Y.; William W. Rand, Sec. American Tract Society, 150 Nassau St., N. Y.; Joseph A. Harper, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.; Howard Harris, Foreign Missionary, Japan; William S. Moore, Nepperhan, N. Y.; William E. Turner, Elmsford, N. Y.; George Rockwell, Tarrytown, N. Y.

Candidate.—Henry J. Bogardus, M.D., 201 Bergen Ave., Jersey City, N. J.

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK, FOR YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 1890.

CLASSES.	Churches.	Ministers.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						Baptized		No. of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		STATED CLERKS.
				Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Arcot	23	12	1398	68	69	137	24	34	1696	220	82	2374	1079	103	5754	$518	$417	Rev. John Scudder.
Hudson	10	10	1167	111	31	41	0	35	1955	28	47	197	498	17	1706	4,077	22,796	Rev. John G. Gebhard.
Kingston	14	11	1426	149	50	56	1	43	2558	113	53	896	672	26	2626	2,748	16,081	Rev. Wm. W. Schomp.
North Long Island	20	24	2318	270	64	66	0	57	3917	428	50	32	699	25	6507	9,892	73,666	Rev. Wm. H. Ten Eyck.
South Long Island	17	31	1450	215	182	80	0	58	3948	236	31	1396	2104	26	6440	41,778	60,904	Rev. Robert G. Strong.
New York	22	43	3512	494	220	221	4	114	8321	510	57	635	4588	34	10735	78,168	110,074	Rev. Wm. Vaughan,
Orange	23	22	1869	221	73	70	1	73	3420	95	112	257	1075	33	3244	5,249	28,099	Rev. P. K. Hageman.
Poughkeepsie	11	17	1089	81	39	51	0	35	2259	34	39	73	271	22	1739	3,565	22,406	Rev. A. P. Van Gieson.
Westchester	14	20	1020	66	54	55	1	51	1918	77	20	156	590	16	2541	5,135	29,539	Rev. Chas. K. Clearwater.
Total	154	190	15249	1674	792	777	31	500	30197	1741	491	6016	11456	302	41292	$156,130	$363,984	

ARTICLE VIII.

CLASSICAL MINUTES.

The Committee on Classical Minutes reported by Sub-committees on the Minutes of each Classis as follows, and the reports were severally accepted and adopted:

Classis of Hudson.—The Committee on the Minutes of the Classis of Hudson have to report that the Book of Minutes was not sent up to Synod, and therefore recommend that the aforesaid Classis be informed of the failure of its Stated Clerk to present the Minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. KOMMERS,
CHAS. MARKLE.

Classis of Kingston.—The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the Classis of Kingston respectfully report that they have examined the records of this Classis for the past year, and find them well kept and in order. The answer to the constitutional questions asked at the last Spring Session showed the following results: Two churches, Lyonsville and Rosendale, were not represented. From the remaining eleven churches of Classis answers were received as follows: To question No. 1, ten yeas, one no; to question No. 2, five yeas, six noes; to questions Nos. 3 and 4, seven yeas, four noes; to question No. 7, two yeas, nine noes; to questions Nos. 5 and 6, all answered yes.

A. DeW. MASON,
L. R. LADD.

North Classis of Long Island.—The Committee on the Minutes of the North Classis of Long Island report that the Minutes have been examined and appear to be fully and correctly kept.

The constitutional questions are answered as follows: Question 1, affirmatively by all at Spring Meeting; question 2, affirmatively by five; question 3, affirmatively by all except Greenpoint, no to first and yes to second clauses; questions

4, 5, 6 and 7, affirmatively by all. Nine churches do not answer all the questions.

In behalf of the Committee,

THEOPHILUS A. BROUWER.

South Classis of Long Island.—Your Committee to examine the Minutes of the South Classis of Long Island report that the Minutes were placed in its hands at a very late hour. An examination reveals that the book is carefully and neatly kept. Constitutional questions appear to have been answered as follows: First, affirmatively by all; second, affirmatively by nine, negatively by eight; third, affirmatively by fifteen, negatively by two; fourth, affirmatively by all; fifth, affirmatively by all; sixth, affirmatively by all but one; seventh, affirmatively by all but three.

H. V. S. MYERS.
T. A. VAN WAGNER.

Classis of New York.—Your Committee begs leave to report: The Minutes of the Classis of New York are found correct. In regard to constitutional inquiries the following is found: That eight churches answer yes to all the questions. N.Y. Collegiate answer yes to all, save that one of the ministers in charge says *almost* to question 2. Madison Avenue Church says yes to all but 7th, to which their answer is *nearly all.* Hamilton Grange gives the same answer. St. Paul's, Mott Haven, says yes to all but 2d and 4th, to which the answer is no, while both churches being vacant leave question 6 blank. Holland Church says yes to all but 3d, 4th and 6th. German Evangelical Mission says yes to all but the 4th, to which the answer is *not faithfully.* Prospect Hill says yes to all but the 4th and 7th. The Church of Kreischerville was not represented.

H. DE VRIES.
R. HOMBERGER.

Classis of Orange.—The Committee on Minutes of Classis of Orange, would report that they have examined the

Minutes of said Classis and find nothing in them demanding the attention of this body.

ABRAM I. MARTIN, *Chairman.*

Classis of Poughkeepsie.—The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the Classis of Poughkeepsie report that they are correctly and neatly recorded. All of the churches answered yes to the first constitutional question, to the second question all answered yes, except three, the 2d Church of Poughkeepsie and the churches of Fishkill Landing and Hyde Park, which answered no. The third question was favorably answered by all except the 1st Church of Poughkeepsie and the Churches of Hopeville, New Hackensack, Glenham and Millbrook. The fourth question was favorably answered by all, and also the fifth and sixth questions. To the last question all answered yes, except the 1st Church of Poughkeepsie which answered "all but Publication," the Church of Millbrook which gave the same answer, the Church of Fishkill Landing which answered "all but Publication and Widows' Fund," and the 2d Church of Poughkeepsie, which reported "not all, no pastor."

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED H. DEMAREST,
WILLIAM H. JACKSON.

Classis of Westchester.—The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the Classis of Westchester report that they are neatly kept.

As it regards the constitutional questions, they found the following answers:

Cortlandtown, yes to all except 2 and 7; yes and no to 3d. Fordham, yes to all except 2 and 3. Greenburgh, yes to all except 2, 3, 6, 7; no pastor. Greenville, yes to all except 2, 3, 6, 7; no pastor. Hastings, yes to all except 2. Melrose, yes to all except 2. Mt. Vernon, yes to all except 2 and 7; yes and no to 3d. Peekskill, yes to all except 7. Tarrytown, First, yes to all except 2 and 7; yes and no to all except 3d. Tarrytown, yes to all except 2 and 7. West Farms, yes to all except 2 and 7; stated supply par-

tially to 2d. Unionville, yes to all except 2, 3 and 7. Yonkers, yes to all except 2.

Respectfully submitted,

S. T. SEARLE, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE IX.

OVERTURES AND JUDICIAL BUSINESS.

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

To this Committee has been referred the following "extract from a paper by the Rev. Edward G. Read, of Somerville, N. J., read at the Missionary Conference of the Particular Synod of New Brunswick, held at Hackensack, November 13, 1889, approved by the Board of Foreign Missions December 11, and directed to be brought to the notice of the Particular Synods."

"What could be more desirable and feasible than to make the meetings of our Particular Synods occasions of awakening interest and enthusiasm in the works of the Church at home and abroad? Why, indeed, should we not consolidate this yearly Missionary Conference with the yearly session of the Synod itself, and thus make use of our ordinary Church machinery to do our work of stirring up the heathen, instead of letting this machinery stand unused, and introducing other and less effective machinery to do the work.

"The Missionary Conference does not belong to the genius and system of our Church. It is an institution imported from Congregationalism, an exotic in Reformed soil, and like all exotics, apt to be weakly. It is a capital thing in Congregationalism, because the latter is not a compact organization, lacks ecclesiastical machinery, and does its denominational work through voluntary societies. The annual meetings of the societies are naturally the occasion of large gatherings of the people, and afford opportunity of spreading information and zeal. But as many of our people could be induced to attend anniversary meetings at a regular session of the Synod, as at this informal and voluntary gather-

ing, while we could better reach, at the regular session, those of our pastors and elders who are less interested in Missions, than we can at a conference like this, because they do not come *here*, but they feel under obligation to attend the regular meeting of the Synod to which they are accredited delegates.

"Let Particular Synod constitute the agents of all the Classes a committee of its own to report to it statistics of contributions, to devise methods of systematic beneficence, which the Synod may put into operation, and to arrange for such addresses and discussions at its regular sessions as we have at these voluntary conferences.

"Of course it would be necessary to extend a little the length of the Synod's sessions. But to spend a few hours more would still be economy of time for those who now attend BOTH the Spring Session *and* the Conference. Such a plan would infuse new life into the somewhat somnolent routine of the venerable body, and would popularize its somewhat thinly attended audiences. Why should we not use our ecclesiastical organization for all it is worth, rather than borrow the make-shift of a more loosely constituted polity?"

Your committee thought best to read this entire paper, instead of attempting to state its propositions in condensed form. It has spoken for itself. This Synod is expected by the Board of Foreign Missions to approve its suggestions and take steps to carry them out. Your committee offer the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That this Synod join with the Board of Foreign Missions in approving the suggestions of this paper.

2. *Resolved*, That the Stated Clerk, together with the Synodical Missionary Superintendent (if one be appointed), or any one designated by the Mission Boards of the Church, and the pastor of the church in which the meeting of Synod is to be held, be a committee to arrange for a Missionary Conference and provide a program of addresses, papers and discussions, in connection with the meeting of the Synod. Notice of this Conference to be given with the usual notice of the meeting of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID COLE.

ARTICLE X.

CLASSICAL REFERENCES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XI.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XII.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

In pursuance of the action of last Synod, the Rev. J. Romeyn Berry presented the following paper, which was accepted and adopted, the memorial to be sent up to General Synod as an Overture from this Synod:

In compliance with a request of the Particular Synod of New York, at its session in 1888, a paper on Church Discipline was read before the Synod at its session in Poughkeepsie, in May, 1889.

Whereupon, on motion, it was "*Resolved*, That Rev. J. Romeyn Berry, D.D., be requested to formulate the substance of his paper, as a memorial to the General Synod, to be presented to the next Particular Synod for its action."

In compliance with this resolution the following memorial is respectfully submitted:

The Particular Synod of New York respectfully requests the General Synod to recommend to the several Classes for approval, the following amendments to the constitution, viz:

1. To Article XIV, Section 1, the addition of the following words, viz:

But in the trial of a private member, except in case of alleged heresy, no appeal shall be carried beyond Classis, whose decision in the matter shall be final.

2. The introduction of a new Article, to be called Article XV, and to read as follows:

Cases without Process.—If a communicant, after admonition for neglect of duty, informs the minister and elders of the church of which he is a member, that he is fully persuaded that he has no right to come to the table of the Lord, it shall be their duty to confer with him on the subject, and if he continues in the same mind, they may excuse him from attendance on the Lord's Supper for six months; and if at the end of that period, and after further conference, the person shall still desire a release from his relations as a communicant, the minister and elders shall grant him such release and remove his name from the list of members, and they shall make a full record of their action in the case, with the reasons for the same.

3. Article XV shall be called Article XVI.

The object of this memorial is to remove certain difficulties at present unfavorable to proper church discipline, and thus to enable Consistories to obtain more desirable results in this respect. It is ascertained that there is, on the part of many of our pastors, strong complaint against the difficulties in our constitutional mode of procedure; on account of the unwillingness of witnesses to testify, adverse public sentiment in the Church, extended family relationships, the possibility of appeals resulting in reversal of consistorial action on technical grounds, and the conviction that in most cases this course of judicial action does more harm than good. The consequence of all this is that there are multitudes of members who are hurtful incumbrances on the church's register, but nothing is done towards their removal because so much needs to be done through a complicated, protracted and uncertain process.

With a desire to simplify the necessary action in many cases, and thus to enable pastors and elders better to promote the purity of the churches, the foregoing amendments to the constitution are respectfully submitted to the consideration of the General Synod.

ARTICLE XIII.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIV.

SCHOOLS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

The Synod adopted the following resolutions:

Resolved, That this Synod is deeply impressed with the importance of the moral and religious training of the children in our public schools.

Resolved, That we will heartily co-operate with the New York Synod of the Presbyterian Church in its efforts to secure the ends set forth in the report of its Committee on "Religion and Public Education."

Resolved, That the Rev. Lewis Francis and Elder Theophilus A. Brouwer be appointed a committee to carry out the foregoing resolutions.

ARTICLE XV.

STUDENTS IN THEOLOGY.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVI.

SIGNING THE FORMULA.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVII.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS.

Attended to by Committee on Classical Minutes.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SYNODICAL INJUNCTIONS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIX.

PARTICULARIA.

The first hour of Tuesday afternoon after the organization was passed in devotional exercises, led by the Rev. David Cole.

The first half hour of the Wednesday morning session was also spent in devotional exercises, led by the Vice-President.

The communion of the Lord's Supper was celebrated on the evening of the first day immediately after the Synodical sermon. The form was read by the President of Synod. The bread was administered by the Rev. S. T. Searle and the cup by the Rev. H. V. S. Myers; the distribution of the elements was made by the Elders Wm. H. Jackson and Theodore Sturgis.

The bar of the house was defined.

On motion it was *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to arrange for the religious services, the hours of meeting and adjournment, the hearing of the representatives of the Boards and the time of reading the papers. The President appointed the Revs. E. B. Coe (pastor of the church), J. R. Duryee and S. T. Searle, and the Elders T. A. Brouwer and Sylvester Strever. The committee reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

Hours of meeting and adjournment: Adjournment at 5.45 P. M.; meeting Tuesday evening at 7.30 o'clock, Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock, to adjourn at 1 P.M., and meet, if necessary, at 2 P. M. The Synodical sermon, and the Communion service, as recorded. The representatives of the Boards: Foreign Missions, at 5.20 Tuesday afternoon; Domestic Missions, 10 A. M. Wednesday, each to be accorded fifteen minutes. The representatives of the Presbyterian Synod to be heard at 10.15 A. M., and the papers at 10.30 and 11 A. M., respectively, on Wednesday.

The Rev. W. J. R. Taylor, D.D., was heard in behalf of

Foreign Missions; the Rev. A. H. Brush was heard upon the subject of Domestic Missions; Warner Van Norden, Esq., was heard as the representative of the Committee on Religion and Public Education, of the Presbyterian Synod of New York.

The Rev. E. B. Coe, D.D., of New York, read a paper on "Our Friends, the Roman Catholics." The Rev. S. D. Noyes, of Kingston, read a paper on "Creeds."

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be extended to these brethren for the timely and interesting papers presented by them; and

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be given to the brethren who have so ably presented the needs of the Foreign and Domestic Mission Boards.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Committee on Nominations be requested to select readers of papers at the next regular Session of Synod, the subject to be left to the choice of those appointed. Their report was accepted and adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee on Nominations begs leave to recommend the following brethren as those who shall be requested to prepare papers to be read at the next regular Session of this Particular Synod, to be held at Tarrytown on the first Tuesday of May, 1891: Rev. A. H. Huizinga, of New Paltz, N. Y., and Rev. A. P. Van Gieson, D.D., of Poughkeepsie.

H. V. S. MYERS,
A. DEW. MASON,
GILBERT LANE,
JOHN R. GELDERMANN.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be directed to procure the printing of the usual number of copies (450) of the Minutes of this Session of Synod.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod are hereby tendered to the Pastor, Consistory, Choir and Congregation, of the Collegiate Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of New York City, for their courteous entertainment of this Synod, and assistance in worship and services.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That this Synod heartily endorse the work of the American Sabbath Union, and recommend that the Classes direct the churches under their charge to do all in their power to co-operate with this organization in its great and needed work.

In view of the large number (over 1,600) reported to this Synod as having been gathered into the Church during the last year, it was suggested that a special prayer of thanksgiving be offered up. The President requested the Synod to unite with the Rev. Geo. D. Hulst in such a prayer.

The following Resolutions were adopted by the Synod:

Resolved, That this Synod has heard with great satisfaction and with profound gratitude to Almighty God, the statement made by the Rev. W. J. R. Taylor, D.D., in regard to the work of our Board of Foreign Missions during the past year, and the continued and increasing interest of our churches in the same. The receipts of the Board, surpassing those of any former year and exceeding by several thousand dollars the sum called for by General Synod, demand our grateful recognition and fill us with hope for the future. We regret at the same time to hear that not a few of the churches still contribute but little to this great cause, while, under the blessing of God, our Missions are more prosperous and successful than ever and earnestly appeal to us for more money and more men.

Resolved, That while we express our full appreciation of the gifts and sacrifices of our people in the support of this most important work, we would exhort them to still greater

efforts in the year to come, that the debt still resting upon the Board may be entirely removed, and its operation be not only maintained at the present point of efficiency, but even enlarged. The work cannot stand still. It must either grow or decline. We pray that the great Head of the Church will lead our people to support it with unfaltering faith and a prompt and large liberality.

Resolved, That in regard to the work of the Domestic Mission Board of our Church, of which we have heard to-day, this Synod expresses its hearty sympathy and profound conviction that upon the proper maintenance and development of this branch of the Church's work depends the very life and growth of all the various energies of our denomination.

Resolved, That the churches be urged to consider with due attention and sustain with all possible liberality the work of our Domestic Mission Board in all its branches of effort.

ARTICLE XX.

THE TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

The Treasurer presented the following account, which was referred to the Committee on the Treasurer's Account, and their report was accepted and adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on the Treasurer's Account report that they have examined the Treasurer's Account with the vouchers, and find them correct, and that there is a balance due the Synod of $16.71.

JOSEPH R. DURYEE,
A. I. MARTINE,
H. P. ALLEN,
L. R. LADD,
Committee.

PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK, in account with
THEOPHILUS A. BROUWER, *Treasurer*.

1889.		Dr.	
May 29.	To Cash paid Rev. William D. Perry, Acting Stated Clerk, for traveling expenses		$3 70
" 29.	" Cash paid Rev. Wm. D. Perry for doorkeeper at Poughkeepsie, N. Y.		5
" 29.	" Cash paid Rev. Wm. D. Perry for stationery and postage		3 24
" 29.	" Cash paid Rev. Wm. D. Perry for salary as Acting Stated Clerk for year ending 1st May, 1890		100
Sept. 25.	" Cash paid Hosford & Sons for printing 450 copies Minutes of 1889		134 50
1890.			
May 5.	To Cash Balance due Synod to new account		16 71
			$263 15

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May 8.	By Cash Balance from old account		$263 15
			$263 15

E. E. NEW YORK, May 5th, 1890.

THEOPHILUS A. BROUWER,
Treasurer.

ARTICLE XXI.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL SYNOD.

The following were appointed :

Classis of Arcot.

Rev. John W. Conklin.

Classis of Hudson.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Geo. D. Lydecker.	Elder Francis Elting.
" Benjamin A. Bartholf.	" Sylvester Strever.
" Mortimer Smith.	" John E. Hover.

SECUNDI.

Rev. John H. Wyckoff.	Elder H. S. Milham.
" Wm. W. Whitney.	" Wm. F. Crofts.
" Jonah W. Vaughan.	" Stephen H. Shutt.

Classis of Kingston.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Paul T. Deyo.	Elder Benjamin Markle.
" John B. Church.	" Calvin Baker.
" M. N. Oliver.	" Peter Kelly.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Wm. W. Schomp.	Elder Henry Ten Hagen.
" Abel H. Huizinga, Ph.D.	" Nathan Van Wagenen.
" Herman Hageman.	" W. O. Church.

North Classis of Long Island.

PRIMARII.

Rev. John C. Guenther.	Elder Christian Scherger.
" William H. Ford.	" Henry R. Broad.
" James S. N. Demarest.	" Joseph L. Bergen.
" John Baumeister.	" Anton Roesingh.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Oliver H. Walser.	Elder John Hegeman.
" Wm. H. Ten Eyck, D.D.	" John J. Halsey.
" John M. Wagner.	" J. R. Gelderman.
" Chas. I. Shepard.	" David Springsteen.

South Classis of Long Island.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Wesley R. Davis, D.D.	Elder Theodore Sturgis.
" Herman C. Berg.	" John Wilson.
" Jacob Weber.	" R. Homberger.

SECUNDI.

Rev. A. P. Stockwell.	Elder Joseph C. Pool.
" Cornelius L. Wells, D.D.	" R. Brinkerhoff.
" A. M. Quick.	" Silas B. Dutcher.

Classis of New York.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Roderick Terry, D.D.	Elder J. H. Lant.
" John Hutchins.	" D. J. Stewart.
" E. S. Fairchild.	" Peter Donald.
" G. A. T. Goebel.	" R. N. Perlee.

SECUNDI.

Rev. T. W. Chambers, D.D.	Elder J. Woodruff.
" Charles A. Jones.	" C. A. Mapes.
" Abel G. Vermilye, D.D.	" H. Blauvelt.
" Jacob Schlegel.	" Robert Buck.

Classis of Orange.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Livingston L. Taylor.	Elder E. M. Gordon.
" Benjamin T. Statesir.	" J. R. Seaman.
" W. H. S. Demarest.	" M. F. Hultslander.
" S. W. Mills, D.D.	" Daniel Van Alst.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Peter K. Hageman.	Elder M. S. M. Corkey.
" Hendrick A. Hendrickson.	" W. S. Northrup.
" J. L. Stillwell.	" H. W. Brink.
" Goyn Talmage, D. D.	" T. J. Deyoe.

Classis of Poughkeepsie.

PRIMARII.

Rev. John F. Shaw.	Elder James A. Seward.
" P. S. Beekman.	" Walter Brett.
" J. Romeyn Berry, D.D.	" Daniel R. Thompson

SECUNDI.

Rev. J. Edward Lyall.	Elder Samuel Drury.
" Benjamin E. Dickhaut.	" Albert Emans.
" W. A. Dumont.	" J. Parker Heath.

Classis of Westchester.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Joseph A. Harper.	Elder J. J. Lensen, M.D.
" Chas. K. Clearwater.	" Alex. Masterton.
" John A. Todd, D.D.	" Josiah H. Briggs.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Wm. W. Rand, D.D.	Elder A. Newman.
" Wm. F. Anderson.	" W. J. Charlton.
" Wm. E. Turner.	" George Stewart.

ARTICLE XXII.

INSTRUCTIONS TO DELEGATES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXIII.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Synod adjourned to meet in Annual Session in the

First Reformed Church of Tarrytown, New York, on the first Tuesday in May, 1891, at 3 o'clock P. M.

CLOSE OF SYNOD.

The minutes were read and approved, the roll was called, and the Synod adjourned after prayer and the Apostolic Benediction by the President.

Signed,

LEWIS FRANCIS, *President.*
S. T. SEARLE, *Vice-President.*

JOHN S. GARDNER, WM. W. SCHOMP, } *Temporary Clerks.*

Attest,

DANIEL VAN PELT, *Stated Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

PRESIDENTS AND PLACES OF MEETING OF THIS SYNOD SINCE THE RE-ORGANIZATION OF THE PARTICULAR SYNODS, 1870–1890.

DATE.	PRESIDENT.	PLACE.
1870—	Rev. M. S. Hutton, D.D.....	...Yonkers.
1871—	Rev. Goyn Talmage.....	.....Flushing.
1872—	Rev. E. P. Rogers, D.D.....	.....Rhinebeck.
1873—	Rev. John A. Todd, D.D.....	.....Tarrytown (1st).
1874—	Rev. G. H. Mandeville, D.D.....	.....Poughkeepsie (2d).
1875—	Rev. John McC. Holmes, D.D.....	Brooklyn (1st).
1876—	Rev. David Inglis, D.D.....	.....Port Jervis.
1877—	Rev. Joachim Elmendorf.....	.....Yonkers.
1878—	Rev. Alex. R. Thompson, D.D.....	.....Newburgh.
1879—	Rev. Charles I. Shepard.....	.....Greenpoint.
1880—	Rev. William Ormiston, D.D.....	.....Mount Vernon.
1881—	Rev. David Cole, D.D.....	..Montgomery.
1882—	Rev. Polhemus Van Wyck	.....Jamaica, L. I.
1883—	Rev. Ezekiel C. Scudder, M.D	.....Brighton Heights, S. I.
1884	Rev. David N. Vanderveer.....	.....New York (South).
1885—	Rev. Herman C. Berg.....	.....Yonkers.
1886—	Rev. Cornelius L. Wells, D.D.....	.....Newburgh.
1887—	Rev. Jacob Chamberlain, D.D., M.D..	.Claverack.
1888—	Rev. Wm. H. Gleason, D.D.....	.....Kingston.
1889—	Rev. J. Romeyn Berry, D.D.....	.....Poughkeepsie (1st).
1890—	Rev. Lewis Francis.....	.....N. Y. City (48th St. Col.).

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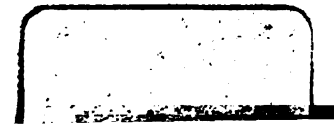

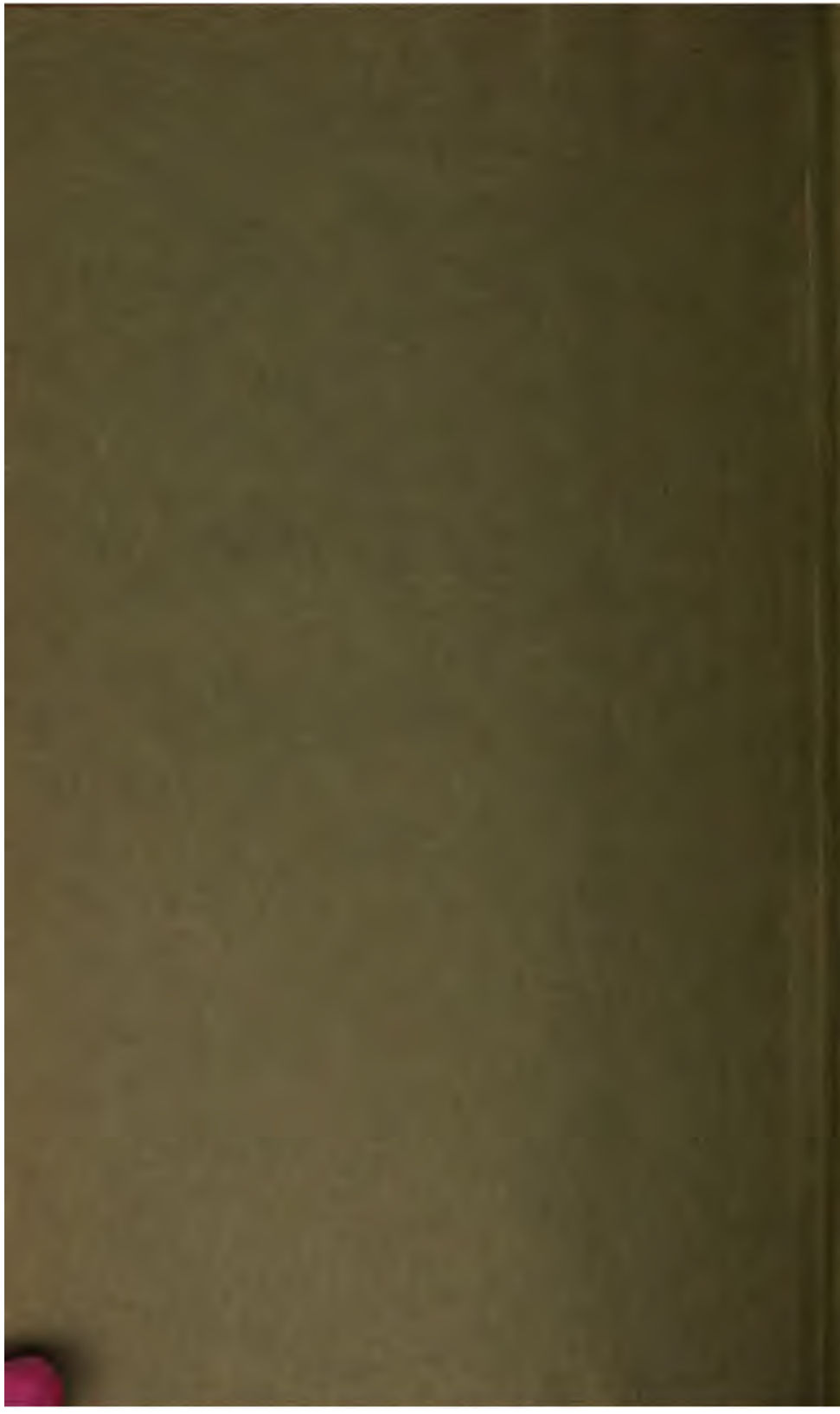

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